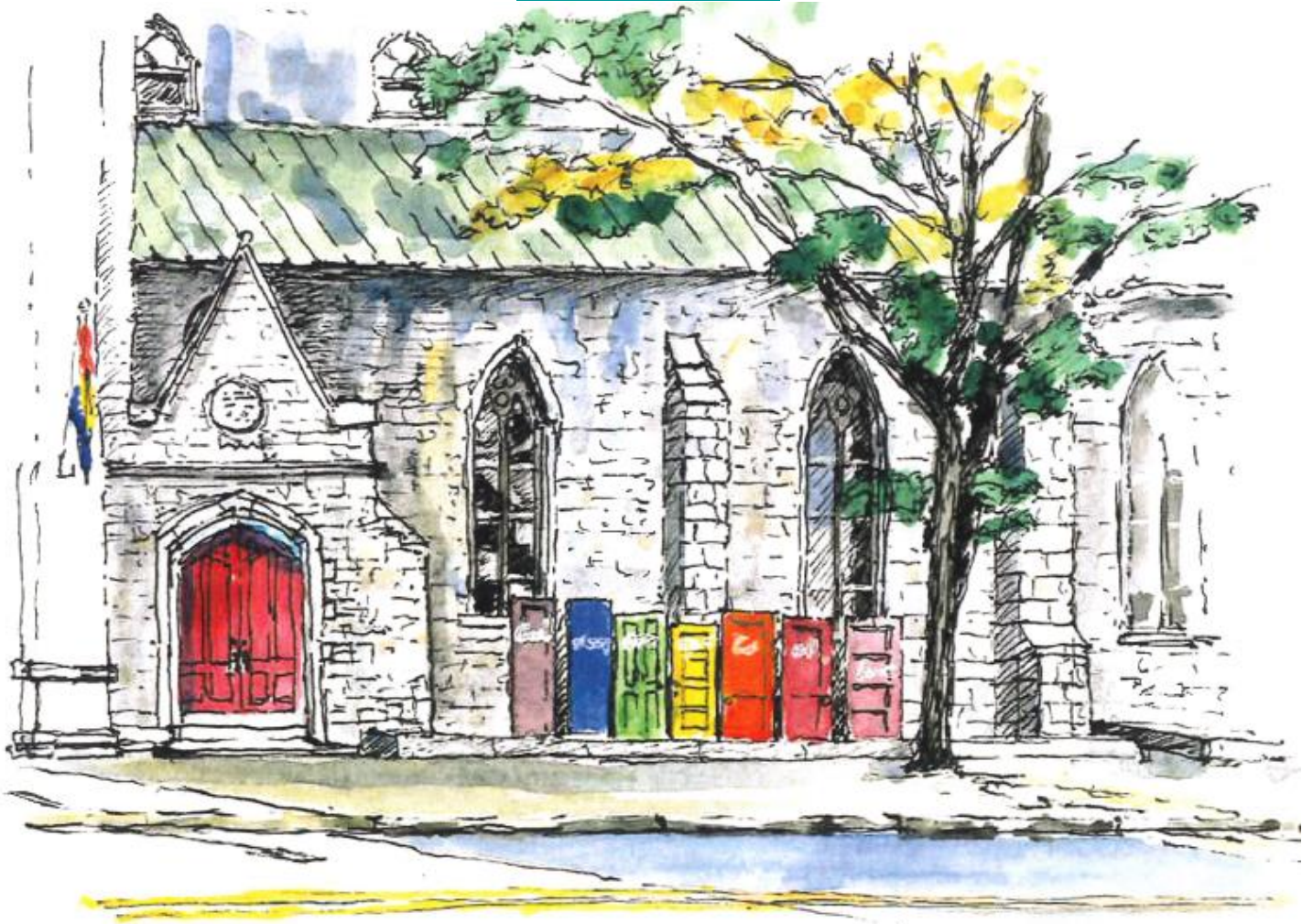


St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIWS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 645, "The King of love my shepherd is"

St. Columba

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CANTICLE •

Festival Canticle

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion. [Ant.]

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*3

LESSON • Acts 4:5-12

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

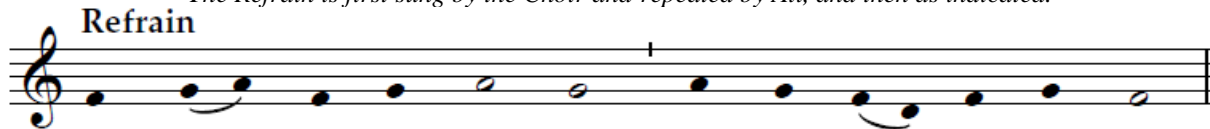
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 23 *Dominus regit me*

Mode 6

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **Refrain**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Refrain**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 1 John 3:16-24

Lector

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 679, "Surely it is God who saves me"

Thomas Merton

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the peace of the Resurrected Christ, let us pray for the Church and the world.

Let us pray for Dede, our Bishop; Philip, our Rector; for all ministers, and for all God's people.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East and Haiti.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Joseph, our president, and the leaders of all nations and communities, especially the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the mission of St. Paul's Church, especially for the Open Pantry and Open Doors Project.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, those who are alone and those who have no one else to pray for them.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick, the suffering, those in any kind of need, and those who grieve.

Let us pray for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the departed, especially *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for a renewed commitment to the risen Lord in our time and the time to come.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God’s blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsy** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1956)

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharist Prayer C

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glorify you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People
Celebrant

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal S-114

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Ruth and Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Hymnal S-154

From *New Plainsong*; (b.1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION – “

The Falconer

Alfred V. Fedak (b.1953)

HYMN • 186 “Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands”

Christ lag in Todesbanden

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN • 525, “The Church’s one foundation”

Aurelia

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Fanfare

Guy Eldridge (1904-1976)

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Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

June B., Peter M., Phil B., Jean S., Tom A., Jason L., Tom, Edith R., Anne D., Steve S., Mary Ellen R., Jim S., David G., Chet W., Ruth B., Destany W., Tom P. and Katherine S.

We remember those who have died in recent days: John Philip Jones, Michael Jensen and Michael Hoosock.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: DJ Igelsrud

Lay Readers: Joe Russo / Derina Samuel

Ushers: Doug Mouncey / Derina Samuel & Roy Thomas

Flower Guild: Marion Greenhalgh

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#49: Why does the priest put on that fancy, poncho-shaped robe at the beginning of the communion?

The poncho-shaped robe is called a chasuble, from the Latin 'casula', meaning 'little house'. A chasuble is a special garment, for the most special part of the worship service: communion.

In the ancient Roman Empire, the chasuble came to be a sort of formal wear. Roman senators would often wear their finest chasuble when they were making a speech. It seems likely that the practice carried over into Christian churches. In gatherings of Christians, an especially beautiful chasuble would be reserved for the priest to wear during the most important part of the worship service: the celebration of the Eucharist.

An alb (the simple, white robe) can be worn by anyone who is helping to lead worship, and it can be worn for any sort of worship service. The chasuble is worn only by a priest leading a celebration of the Eucharist. Since the chasuble is associated with the celebration of the Eucharist, I prefer to put on the chasuble right before we begin to say the Eucharistic Prayer. The beauty of the chasuble points toward the beauty and power of the Eucharistic Prayer, rather than to the person wearing the chasuble.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

Announcements for April 21

* Join us today at 11:30 a.m. for our Spring Parish Clean-up! We have something for everyone: inside jobs and outside jobs, dirty jobs and clean jobs, big jobs and little jobs.

* The Syracuse Orchestra will present music of Shostakovich, Copland, and Bach at their next 'Casual' series concert at St. Paul's on Sunday, April 18th at 3 p.m.

Construction Updates/Reminders:

- During Open Doors construction, the parking lot spaces marked with an X, which are generally reserved for St. Paul's folks, are available ONLY to construction workers during workdays (M-F) as per our contract with Drulyk. The numbered spots are rented to folks in the area during their workdays. This means you will likely NOT find a place to park in our lot if you come to the church during the week. You likely will find a space on the street metered within a few blocks of the church. There should be parking available in our lot on Sundays.
- Please do not enter any area marked construction as it is not safe to do so; we don't want anyone to get hurt.
- There will always be one bathroom available in adjacent to the Sargent Foyer during construction and in the area adjacent to our church offices.
- We expect more activity in the months ahead. Stay strong and patient!

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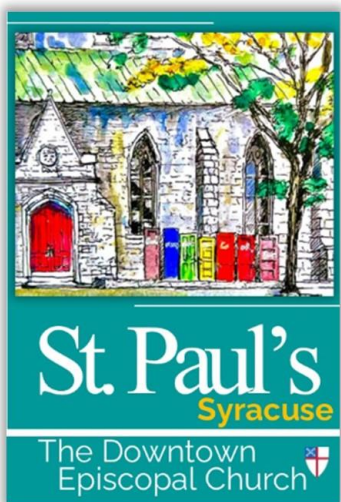
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