



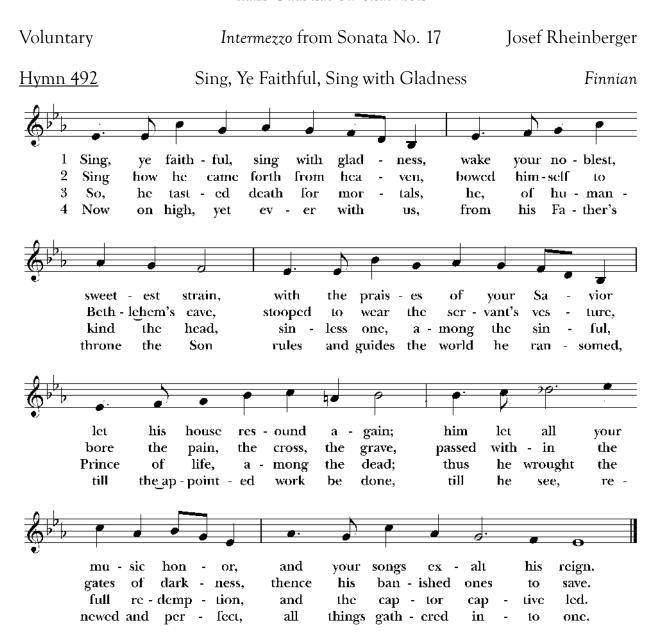
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 21, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Presider — The Rev. Peter Stube
Preacher — The Rev. Thomas Szczerba, Jr.
Assisting — The Rev. Devon Anderson
Organist/Director of Music — Dr. Clair Rozier
Organist/Choir Director — Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

THE ORDER OF SERVICE



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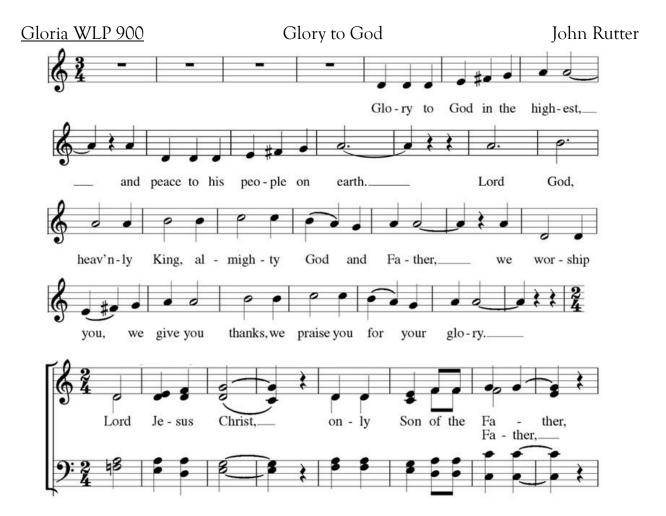
THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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. Amen.

The First Reading - Acts 4:5-12

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Read in unison.

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *I shall not be in want.2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *and leads me beside still waters.3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

The Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-24

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children in grade 5 and younger are invited to meet at the back of the sanctuary by the main doors for a children's sermon.



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

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."

The Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Risen Lord, we come before you on this Easter morning full of joy and praise for you. We give thanks for the blessing of new life that you have given each of us through your resurrection.

God of service, we invite your presence with peoples around the world, and especially with our leaders: Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bish op; and all the clergy, vestry and laity of St David's Church, especially those serving on the Discernment Committee. We also ask you bless our companions in ministry in Ardmore, Chester, Norristown, Philadelphia, Wayne, Cuba, Guatemala, Iraq, and Uganda. Bring change and new life to your church, O God,

That we might serve you with courage and grace.

God of wisdom, we pray that you inspire our governmental leaders to be fair, caring and just. Guide Joe, our President; the Congress and Supreme court; Josh, our Governor and our General Assembly and judges. Show us how to live and work together to serve the common good. Encourage our leaders and each of us towards peace. Bring change and new life to our nation, O God,

That we each might honor one another.

God of peace, our world is broken in so many ways. Be with those whose lives are infected by war, poverty, gun violence, and other injustices. Keep all those who defend our country and communities safe, particularly those in the military, first responders, hospice and other health care workers. Bring change and new life to your world, O God,

That all might know the goodness of your love.

God of compassion, we pray for all those who are suffering from illness, abuse, addiction, loneliness, grief, and those who do not know your love. We pray especially for those on our prayer list Alan, Andrew, Anne, Ashley, Barbara, Bill, Bob,

Catsy, Cathy, Crystal, Danny, Daniel, Freddie, Gail, Gavin, Gene, Ginny, Helen, Ida, Jason, Jerry, Jill, Jim, John, Joy, Kathy, Kay, Kris, Lauren, Laurie, Lucy, Madeline, Marianne, Marion, Marie, Matt, Maureen, Michael, Michelle, Molly, Patti, Paul, Peter, Peyton, Pierce, Ray III, Rebecca, Rhonda, Sean, Seth, Sig, Stuart, Susan, Tammy, Victoria, Viola, Virgie, Wilson. Hold each of these people closely and all of those in our hearts this morning.

Bring change and new life for the suffering, O God,

That they might know your saving help.

God of mercy, we pray for those who have died this week, Larry Hewlett, for now they are with you in eternal life. We remember those for whom flowers have been given and for those whose lives each of them touched. May God comfort each of us in our sorrow. Bring change and new life to the departed, O God,

That they might forever grow in your likeness.

God of hope, we pour out our thanks for your work in our lives. We share the joy of celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We honor teachers, mentors, and the children they lead, especially those at St David's Episcopal Day School. Bless every one of them, and our families and friends as we celebrate God's love for each of us. Bring change and new life to ourselves, O God,

As we learn to live out your love.

Holy One, we thank you for all that is beautiful in the world around us and for all the blessings that you bestow upon us. Risen Lord, stay with us each day and night and make your presence known to us. Remind us to be good and faithful stewards and to love one another as you loved us.

Bring change and new life to our hearts, O God,

That we might grow fuller in faith. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia

Ed Harris

Come adoring and confessing, Alleluia.

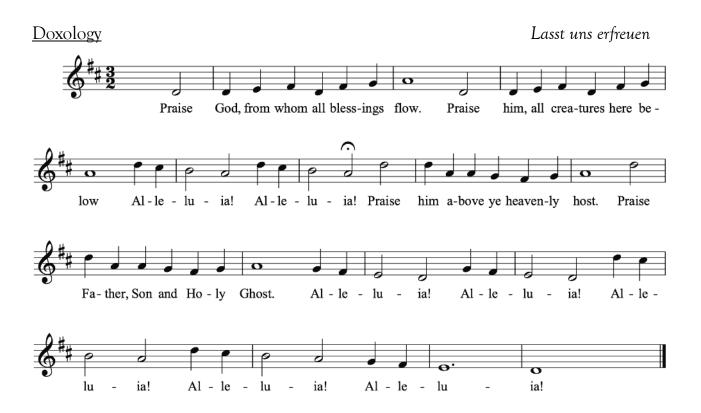
Come to God, receive his blessing, Alleluia.

God of God and King of Kings, Alleluia.

Maker of all wondrous things, Alleluia.

Sing we praises unto you, Alleluia. Amen

Youth and Adult Chamber Choirs



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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Altar, the Presider proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

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. By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

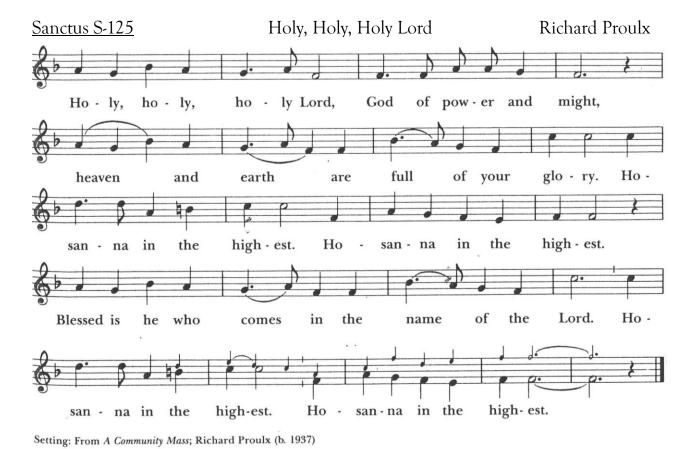
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.

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:



Then the Presider continues

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,

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

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; 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.

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

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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People say together,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

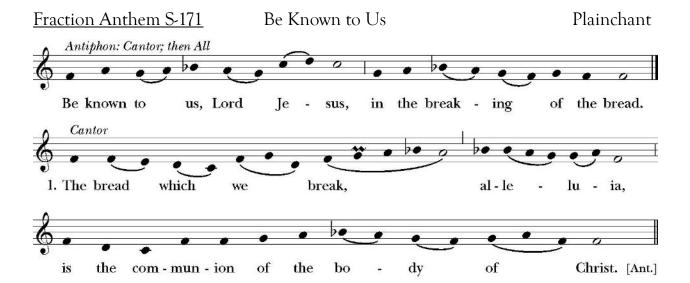
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Presider faces the people and says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Please come forward to receive communion. You may intinct (dip) the bread, or eat the bread and guide the chalice to drink the wine then return to your pew. If you need gluten-free bread, please let the priest know.

Music at the Communion

Anthem The Lord's My Shepherd Malcolm Archer

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie. In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale Yet will I fear no ill; For thou art with me, and thy rod, and staff me comfort still

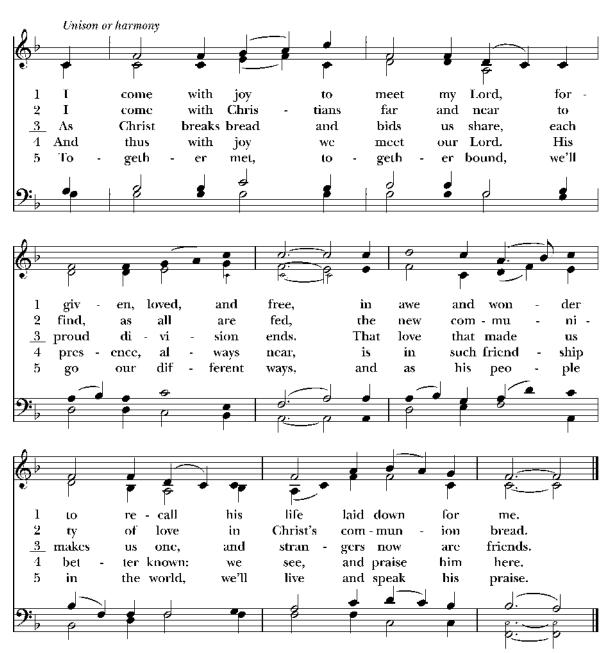
My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows,

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

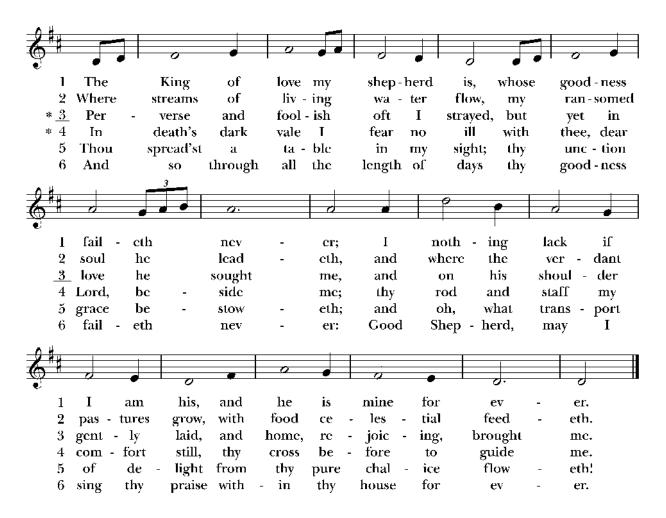
Youth and Adult Chamber Choirs

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns.

Hymn 304 I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord Land of Rest



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Jacques Berthier

("Where true charity and love abide, God is there.")



Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Words: Latin, 8th c., tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rector Transition Prayer

We ask for open hearts and minds in our search for a new rector. We ask for the eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to sense your guidance and inspiration. We ask you to help us to imagine as much as think, to listen more than we speak, and to trust the movements of the Holy Spirit throughout this process.

We pray for comfort in this time of change; for our friends who generously served on our discernment committee; for the priests we met through this search; and, gratefully, for Devon, as she leads us in this time of transition. Help us, O God, to keep trusting in what we cannot yet see. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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The Sending

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Praeludium in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

~ LAY ASSISTANTS ~

Lectors/Chalicists – Jeffrey McCallum, Eleanor Erskine, Joe Bonn,
Mac MacCausland

Altar Guild – Valinda Garcia, Jill Bonn, Sandy Daly, Pam DiFilippo,
Julie Sadtler, Solveig Stetson

Flower Guild –Suzanne Siebert (Church) Robin Gregory (Chapel)

Acolyte – Charlie Patterson

Verger — Susan Stuber

Greeters – Tracey Smith, Margot Walker

~ MEMORIALS ~

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Alan C. Fitts