

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two  
Sunday, April 25, 2021

**OPENING SENTENCE**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE**

*Officiant*        Lord, open our lips.  
*People*         And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**ANTIPHON:** Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## INVITATORY

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
 therefore let us keep the feast,  
 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
 death no longer has dominion over him.  
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
 Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
 For since by a man came death, \*  
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
 For as in Adam all die, \*  
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
 I shall not be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
 and leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*  
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

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*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN**

## **THIRD READING: John 10:11-18**

A Reading from John.

[Jesus said,] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
     creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
     He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
     and born of the Virgin Mary.  
     He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
     was crucified, died, and was buried.  
     He descended to the dead.  
     On the third day he rose again.  
     He ascended into heaven,  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
     He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
     the holy catholic Church,  
     the communion of saints,  
     the forgiveness of sins,  
     the resurrection of the body,  
     and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### **SALUTATION**

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*              And also with you.  
*Officiant*            Let us pray.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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,  
     forever and ever. Amen.

### **SUFFRAGES**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
 R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
 V. Look upon your congregation;  
 R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
 V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
 R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
 V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
 R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
 V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
 R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
 V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
 R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

### **FIRST COLLECT**

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.*

### **SECOND COLLECT**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord,

our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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