



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Holy Eucharist

April 21, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ST PJs!

If you're visiting St. PJs for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we're so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life's journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God's table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don't worry—crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don't bother us!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN The King of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory, Glory, hallelujah!

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
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3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God 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. **Amen.**

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.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL HYMN

Zimbabwe Alleluia



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Andrew Stump

JAZZ RESPONSE

A musical response to the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Please rise in body or spirit

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church throughout the world; we seek healing and forgiveness for the sin of misunderstanding one another and God. May we be silent and listen. We lift up the Episcopal Church in Connecticut: St Mark's, Mystic; St Michael's, Naugatuck; St Mark's, New Britain. We also pray for The Anglican Church of Australia, and for Indigenous Communities around the globe.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

We pray for all nations of the world that leaders may serve the common good with justice and integrity.

The Lord is my shepherd,
He revives my soul.

We pray for our local civic, religious, and social leaders; empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors, that God's Spirit of generosity and selfless action transform us to follow Jesus.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I will fear no evil.

We pray for all who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, as we say their names, either silently or aloud. Embolden us to live like Jesus who crossed boundaries to reach the 'overlooked'.

We pray for those who have died; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Life-giving God, we pray for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Dwayne and Marilyn N.

The Lord is my shepherd,
Who has anointed my head with oil.

We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of God's earth. True richness comes when we learn to enjoy the natural world and live with contentment.

The Lord is my shepherd,
We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Celebrant: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes. **People: Y con tu espíritu.**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Celebrant offers a sentence from Scripture.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Santo, santo

Please rise, in body or spirit.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul, James, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, in the language of our hearts,

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos
santificado sea tu Nombre
venga tu reino
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo**

Danos hoy el pan de este día y

**Perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores**

**y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que libranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians (you don't have to be Episcopalian)
are welcome to receive Holy Communion here at St. PJ's.*

We have gluten-free and alcohol-free options for those who need them.

*In order to protect the health of our community, we are refraining
from intinction (dipping the Bread into the Wine) at this time. You are welcome to
drink from the chalice or to receive only the Bread if you prefer.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ has arisen, Alleluia

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the
 tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him
 with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -
 giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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.

THE BLESSING

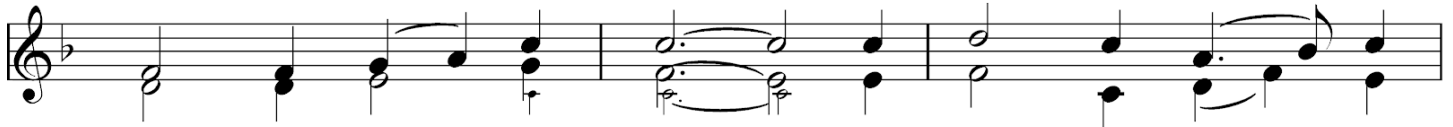
CLOSING HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



GRACE NOTES



— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m.

In person and livestreamed

Wednesday Noonday Prayer | 12:30 p.m.

In person in the Chapel

Thursday Zoom Compline | 8:00 p.m.

Link available on our website

Office Hours

Tue, Fri (8 a.m.–11 a.m.) | Thu, Fri (6 p.m.–8:30p.m.)

SERVING TODAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Celebrant:

The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Preacher:

Andrew Stump,
Seminary Intern

Worship Leaders:

Chloë Starr

Liturgical Assistant:

Andrew Stump

Musicians:

Will Cleary
Alec Pedersen
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OUR VESTRY

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Clerk: Maggie King

Marilyn Bergen
Roni Holcomb
Pam Sayre
Maurice Harris
George Moore

We acknowledge the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger people, the traditional custodians of the land on which St. PJs is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Warden Recruiting

We're in need of a new Co-Warden to work alongside our Warden Bill Evans and the rest of the Vestry. If interested, please reach out to a member of the Vestry or the church office!

Upcoming Parking Lot Closure

Our parking lot will be getting a much-needed repaving the week of May 5. Due to this work, the parking lot will be unavailable for use from Tuesday, May 7 through Saturday, May 11. It will be open again in time for our Sunday service on May 12.

Updating the Prayer List

We're in the process of updating the PJs prayer list. If you would like for you or your loved one(s) to stay on the new list, or if you would like to add someone to the new list, please contact the office to let us know!

Sign Up to Serve!

We are always looking for people to volunteer with various liturgical and community roles in the church. If interested, please sign up for one or more roles/times using the sign-up sheets in the church.

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Pledge cards are available for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, in which we are invited to prayerfully consider how we will pledge our support of God's mission at St. PJs in the next year. You can place completed cards in the offering plate or send them to the office via the mail.

PRAYER LIST

Charles	Marcia
Edd	Mary Jane
Ron	Tiras
Charles	Pete
Andy	Ralph
Michael	Jean
Cynthia	Matt
Theresa	Edwina
Gary & Family	John
Herman	Alyce
Anne	Martha
Gwen	Julie
Isaiah	Andrew,
Greta	Anastasia &
Simone	Katherine
Judi	Gwen
Dwayne	Misha
Nanci	Michael
Patricia	Al
Leota	Sal & Family
Enid	Tony
Brenda & Juhani	Patty and Bill
Lwebuga-Mukasa	Janie and Family
Family	Paul and Family
Kohl Family	Laurel
John	Vanetta
Alexei	Carla & Family

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dwayne McDowell (Apr. 23)
Marilyn Nelson (Apr. 26)

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Rev. Canon Edward Rodman
August 6, 1942 – April 2, 2024
Ass't Priest, St. Paul's, New Haven
1967–1971

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY

St. PJs is a "mask-friendly" environment. Please respect everyone's personal decisions whether or not to wear a mask. In addition, please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video which is streamed and archived on our YouTube or Facebook page.

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Online



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