



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Easter IV

Processional – *The Strife is O'er* 1982 #208

The Salutation (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

Song of Praise – Alleluia Alleluia #191 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

Collect of the Day

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
		
The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 Lessons

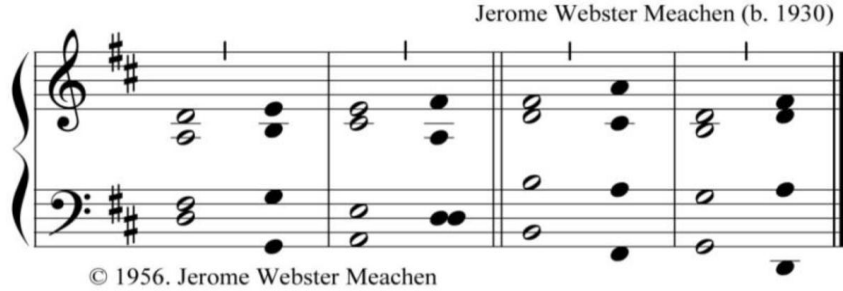
Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23



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 Lesson— 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Sequence Hymn – *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* 1982 #343

The Gospel— John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon— Fr. Will Drosos

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

The Prayers of the People Form IV (1982 S108)

The Peace

Celebrant

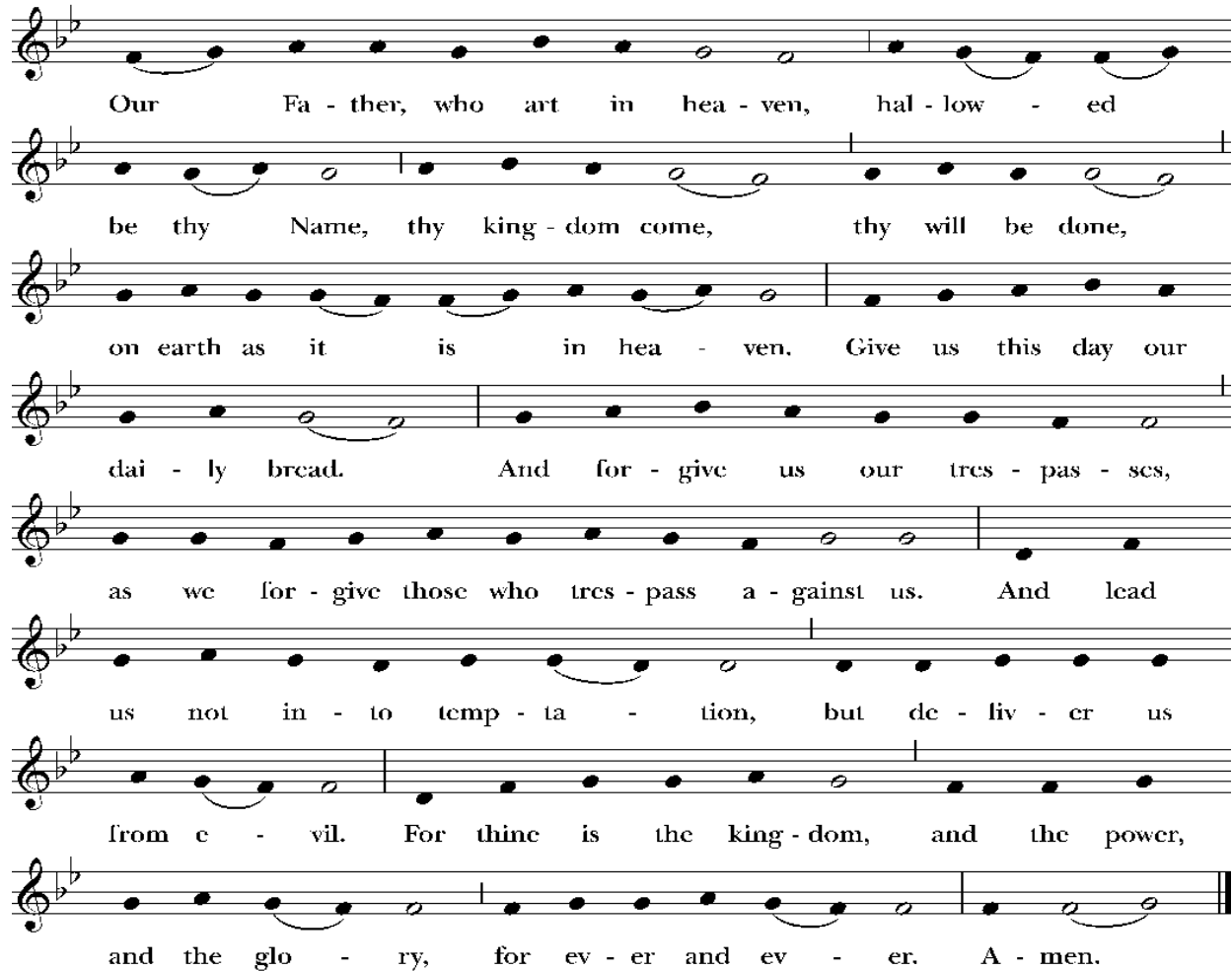
The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People

And al - so with you.

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The Lord's Prayer

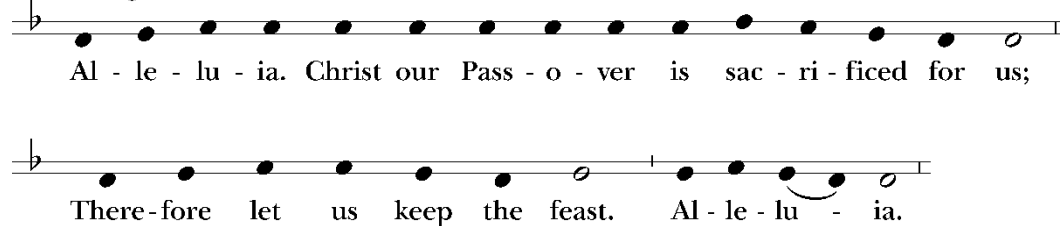


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Fraction

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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As all worshipers prepare for Christ's presence in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist, you may pray one of the following prayers silently to yourself: The Prayer of Humble Access on page 337 of the BCP ; The Prayer Before Receiving Communion on pg 834 of the BCP.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion in both kinds (bread and wine), please eat the bread and sip from the chalice. This is the traditional method of receiving the Eucharist in both kinds in the Western Church. If you would not like to sip from the chalice, you are welcome to receive Communion in one-kind, ie. only the bread. The Church teaches that receiving communion in one kind is a complete and valid reception of the Sacrament.

The Diocesan Bishop of Virginia highly discourages the practice known as “intinction,” dipping the bread in the wine. This practice carries a greater risk of spreading sickness, as demonstrated by studies conducted by the NIH. The risk of disease transmission by sipping from the common cup is negligible.

Communion Hymn – *The Lord My God My Shepherd Is* 1982 #663

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

The Blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn – *Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us* 1982 #708

The Dismissal



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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