

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

*Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m. and the service at 10 a.m.
The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g*

This leaflet contains the readings and outline for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or, sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. Your loose cash will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. If you prefer that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread* and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in each kind. You are invited to receive the wine from the chalice by drinking. A second, smaller chalice is available for intinction; gently touch the wafer to the wine in the smaller chalice.

ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for anyone who has difficulty hearing. They can be found on a small table by the tower door, or see one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: All children are welcome to join Michelle Killin-Keith before worship in the Fellowship Narthex outside the Chapel for Christian Formation Classes. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children may use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please linger after the service for coffee hour, which takes place outside on the plaza in good weather, or in the Narthex. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be available for all.

** Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest*

The Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is

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

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” (*Acts 4:5-12*)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says (8 a.m.) and the choir sings (10 a.m.) the Psalm.

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

⁶Surely 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.

Lector

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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

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

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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. *(I John 3:16-24)*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(At 10 a.m. only)

Sequence Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.” *(John 10:11-18)*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Rev. Mike Lager*

The Nicene Creed *The people stand.* **358**

Prayers of the People: Form VI with the Confession **392**
Celebrant concludes with the Absolution

The Peace
All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements – *See back pages for upcoming events*

April Monthly Outreach Partner: Bellwether Farm and Conference Center

The Liturgy of the Table

The Celebrant bids the offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people sit.

(10 a.m. only)

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou annointest my head with oil and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

Text: Psalm 23(KJV)_

Music: Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

All stand.

Presentation Hymn 192 This joyful Eastertide (verse one) *Vreuchten*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B **(BCP)**

Salutation **367**

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy (S129)* **367**

The Lord's Prayer **364**

The Breaking of the Bread **364**

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

The Fraction Anthem

(At 8 a.m.)

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(At 10 a.m.)

The Celebrant, Choir & Congregation sing the Fraction Anthem (S155).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(At 10 a.m.) **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. *Amen.*

The ministers receive the Sacrament then immediately deliver it to the people.

Please make your way to the communion rail at the instruction of the ushers.

At the Communion

Hymn 664 My shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

All stand.

The Post Communion Prayer

365

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Mission Hymn 478 Jesus, our mighty Lord

Monk's Gate

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude Prelude in G major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex following the 10 a.m. service,
hosted by Beth O'Rourke, Dan Karchmer & Sunia Mathew, Joseph &
Price Kasl, John Keller, and Roger & Carol Kienzle*

Serving Today

Lector	8 a.m.	Tren Cheshier
	10 a.m.	Sarah Taylor, Brad Vandrasik
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Neil Green
	10 a.m.	Deb Vandrasik
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Tren Cheshier
	10 a.m.	Evan Gardner
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Gina Massetti
	10 a.m.	Joanne Hull, Colin McConnell
Chancel Guild		Lois Smith, Linda Lange, Linda Purdy, Martha Taylor, Sara Ferry, Carolyn Beredo, Debra, Geoff, & Maddy Rudesill
Verger		Martha Taylor
Ushers	8 a.m.	Dan Hout-Reilly
	10 a.m.	Dan Lammers, Naomi Opdycke, Linda Purdy
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Neil Green
	10 a.m.	Kathy Woolner
Videographer		Jim Cofer
Nursery		Amanda Chambers & Jennifer Thomas
Elementary Children		Michelle Killin-Keith & Kristen Gardner
MS/HS		Larry Keith & Keith Jochum

Serving Next Week (April 28, 2024)

Lector	8 a.m.	Sara Ferry
	10 a.m.	Tucker Handley, Hilary Bickerton
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Dan Hout-Reilly
	10 a.m.	Jim Cofer
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Sara Ferry
	10 a.m.	Mark & John Lekan
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Tren Cheshier
	10 a.m.	Beth O'Rourke, Linda Purdy
Chancel Guild		Kristen Gardner, Lorna Jordan, Penny Mead, Liz Crosby, Beth O'Rourke, Carol Francescani
Verger		Liz Crosby
Ushers	8 a.m.	Dick Jacquemotte
	10 a.m.	Cynthia Yoder, Lois Smith, Sarah Taylor
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Dan Hout-Reilly
	10 a.m.	Jim Calhoun
Videographer		Dan Gourash
Nursery		Annika Mintzlaff & Amanda Chambers
Elementary Children		Michelle Killin-Keith & Kristen Gardner
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