



**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BRIDGEVILLE, DE**

“The Little Church with a Big Heart”

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

Priest in Charge: Rev. Carl E. Mosley
Deacon: Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #73 — I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS (MUSIC ONLY)

FIRST ACCLAMATION – BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant 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.*

GLORIA – BCP 356

Together Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: ...have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: ...receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Together Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

*First
Reading*

ACTS 4:5-12 — Maureen Yocum

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."

PSALM 23 — *(Together -- Beginning & ending with the Refrain)*

REFRAIN: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

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

*Second
Reading*

1 JOHN 3:16-24 — Amber Welch

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN #39 — FREELY, FREELY (MUSIC ONLY)

*Holy
Gospel*

JOHN 10:11-18 — Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

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.”

SERMON — Rev. Carl E. Mosley

NICENE CREED – BCP 358

Together

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. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI — BCP 392 – Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence — The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence — The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant 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.*

PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN #76 — I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY (MUSIC ONLY)

DOXOLOGY (Said Together)

Together Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A — BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.*

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

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:

Together Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER — BCP 364

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*.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – BCP 364

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION HYMN #77 — I LOVE YOU LORD (MUSIC ONLY)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER — BCP 366

Together Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Blessing Rev. Carl E. Mosley

RECESSIONAL HYMN #148 — SOON AND VERY SOON (MUSIC ONLY)

Dismissal Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

Celebrant: All the members of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Priest in Charge: Rev. Carl E. Mosley

Assistant: Rev. Deacon Dottie Vuono

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Sherry Rainier

Lay Readers — Tom Brace; Helen Cameron; Conrad Fleck; Diane Fleck; Bill De Haan, Grissell De Haan; Sharon Hawk; Eugene Nichols; Sherry Rainier; Debbie Stogner; Maureen Yocum

Altar Guild Directress — Sharon Hawk

Communion Assistant — Sherry Rainier

Communications Director (Web & Lay Readers) — Grissell De Haan

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) — Vice President: Diane Fleck

Sunshine Club President – Betty Myers

United Thank Offering (UTO) — Grissell De Haan/Maureen Yocum

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Sr. Warden:

Eugene Nichols

Co-Jr. Wardens:

Charles Hawk & Jerry Stogner

Treasurer: Maureen Yocum

Asst. Treas: Debbie Stogner

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Eugene Nichols

Betty Myers

Amber Welch

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Crucifer

Bill De Haan

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