



St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church  
The Little Church with the Big Heart



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

### April 21, 2024

**Prelude:** (Choir) My Shepherd will Supply My Need - The Hymnal 1982 #664

#### **Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

*(Brief announcements and acknowledgment of the land.)*

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is situated on land that was lived and traveled on by many different tribes including: the Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed, the Sobaipuri, and the Akimel O'odham. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Tribal communities, past and present, for their ongoing and fundamental relationship with this land and this region.

**Processional:** Christ is the World's True Light - The Hymnal 1982 #542

#### **The Acclamation:**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

#### **Collect of 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.**

**Gloria:**

# Easter Alleluia

*Refrain* *Last time to Coda* ☩

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

1. Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things,  
 2. See how sal - va - tion for all has been won,  
 3. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear,  
 4. Call us, Good Shep - herd, we lis - ten for you,

let all the peo - ple God's prais - es now sing, all of cre - a - tion in  
 up from the grave our new life has be - gun, life now per - fect - ed in  
 shine in the fa - ces of all of us here, fill us with joy and cast  
 want - ing to see you in all that we do, we would the gate of sal -  
*D.C.*

splen - dor shall ring:  
 Je - sus the Son:  
 out all our fear: Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_  
 va - tion pass through:

☩ CODA

al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

## First Reading:

**Acts 2:22-24**

“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: Psalm 9:9-14**

You will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*

**A refuge in time of trouble.**

Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*

**For you never forsake those who seek you, O God.**

Sing praise to the Holy One who dwells in Zion; \*

**Proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.**

The Avenger of blood will remember them \*

**And will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Have pity on me, O God; \*

**See the misery I suffer from those who hate me,**

**O you who lift me up from the gate of death,**

So that I may tell of all your praises

And rejoice in your salvation \*

**In the gates of the city of Zion.**

**The Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual** Teach Me My God and King - The Hymnal 1982 #592 (V1,2/v3,4)

**The Gospel: Luke 7:18-23**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke.**

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?" When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?' " Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and

heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Shawn Rutledge

**The Nicene Creed:** *(Please Stand as you are able)*

**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 with all confidence bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we praise you for the gifts of Christ’s resurrection.

Throughout this Easter season, give all god’s people hope; for Christ is risen

indeed, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Holy One, we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of your church, that Christ’s body may be one; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those who have needs that they are unable to meet; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; especially: Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie, Patrick, and Diamond. That illness and despair may have no more power over them; for Christ is risen, so we pray: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

May all who have died in your faith be received at your heavenly banquet and may we be one in faith will all of them; especially: Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman and Linda Clark. In baptism we die with Christ to the sure joy of resurrection; for Christ is risen, so we pray:

**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

**Collect:**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence)*

**God of all 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 we have done, and the evils 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.**

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:** The Peace of Christ be always with you

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a moment to offer your neighbors a sign of Christ's peace. This will be followed by some brief Announcements; and then we will offer blessings for any Anniversaries, Birthdays, Surgeries or Travelers)*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory:** We the Lord's People – The Hymnal 1982 #51

**Doxology:** The Hymnal 1982 #380 V3

**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.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to tell all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of ages. 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:

**Sanctus: S130**

**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.**

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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:

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread:**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

*(If you are visiting, and you normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive at this table as well. If you are not yet baptized, you may come up with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing)*

**Communion:** (Choir) Abba Father (Landry)

**Post Communion Thanksgiving Prayer:**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing:**

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

**Recessional:** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart - The Hymnal 1982 #556 (V1-5)

**Dismissal:**

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ our Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Love Devine, All Loves Excelling - The Hymnal 1982 #657 (Rowlands)

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:**

Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie, Patrick, and Diamond

**Rest of the Soul List:**

Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman and Linda Clark

\* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email: [prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org](mailto:prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org). Names are kept on the Church Prayer List for 1 month. If you'd like them to stay on the list, simply resubmit them. Names are kept on the Rest of the Soul List for 2 months.

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