



BY HIS
wounds
WE ARE
healed

ISAIAH 53:5

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th, 2021

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Versicles & Responses

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. For your mercy is great.

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. And praise your name forever and ever.

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we

ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over Him.
In dying He died to sin once for all;
in living He lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

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 honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
forever. *Amen***

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

5 The next day their 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.'

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for His glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.
He is my God and I will praise Him;
my father's God and I will exalt Him.
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is His Name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them on your own mountain
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

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.

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies
from the hands of all who hate us.

To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

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

The Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

**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 forever. *Amen.***

THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the
oppressed;

R. That your justice may be known among all people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

The Collect of the Day ~ *“The Fourth Sunday of Easter”*

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.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Special Intentions for today: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan; the Government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in light of the eruption of La Soufriere volcano;

and for medical professionals, policymakers, persons affected by the coronavirus, amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.

May it be a lantern to our feet,

A light to our paths,

And a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all persons

in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore.

Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING ~ “*Ascension to Eve of Pentecost*”

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever. *Amen.*



The Fourth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Comment: *“Salvation in the name of Jesus”*

In this story from the Acts of the Apostles **Peter and John, having cured a crippled man, are called to account before the high Jewish council. Peter testifies that the source of their healing power is the same Jesus whom the leaders rejected.** Referring to scriptures, Peter speaks of the stone rejected by the builders, which is nevertheless meant to be the cornerstone of the new faith. Evidently there were a number of encounters like this in the life of the early church, but the disciples continued to heal and to preach in Jesus’ name.

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 John 3:16-24

Comment: *“Love in truth and action”*

In our epistle lesson we learn that **the followers of Jesus are to emulate his love by laying down their lives for one another.** Such love is demanding and practical, requiring believers to share what they have with those who lack. By acting in ways consistent with the kindness of God, disciples will know that they do indeed believe in Jesus the Son of God, They will know that he abides within them and they in him, and that the Spirit has been given them.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Comment: “*Christ the shepherd*”

In our gospel reading we are taught that **Jesus is the good shepherd who is willing to die for his sheep.** He is not like one who has been hired to tend the sheep, and who runs away in time of danger. Rather, he knows the sheep with the same intimacy that he has with the Father. Jesus has shared fully in their circumstances. Together with those who are yet to be called, there will be one flock under the one true shepherd.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. **The Cathedral Church** is closed due to Barbados being affected by the volcanic ash from La Soufriere Volcano. The removal of ash and the cleaning of the premises will continue during the course of this week.
2. **Household Worship:** Public worship is permissible in accordance with the provision of the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19) (No. 8) Directive 2021. Worshippers are to be seated six feet apart in all directions. Meantime, members are encouraged to worship virtually or to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for the Fourth Week of Easter begins on page 749, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for

Monday, April 26th, 2021 are Exodus 32:1-20, Psalms 41 & 52, and Matthew 5:1-10.

- 3. Stewardship of Treasure:** During the period of lockdown, members were unable to make their regular financial contributions to the church in the usual manner. However, several persons made use of the options which were provided, and we are grateful for their contributions. For the convenience of all, online payments may be made to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.



*Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ 25th to 1st May, 2021*

Mr. Harold DaC. Alleyne ~ 25th

Mrs. Vivian G. O. Bowen ~ 25th

Mr. Liam N. Clarke ~ 25th

Ms. Sandra Moore ~ 25th

Ms. Alice P. Hall ~ 27th

Mrs. Denise V. Taitt-Proute ~ 27th

Ms. Undine Straker ~ 28th

Mrs. Andrea A. D. Thomas ~ 29th

Mrs. Sherry L. S. Cumberbatch ~ 30th



May God bless and strengthen you.

Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, (N.Y), Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, and Ms. Winifred Trotman.



Theme for the Week

“Today, what we asked to have in common and share is not always our material goods, but also our gifts and talents.”



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