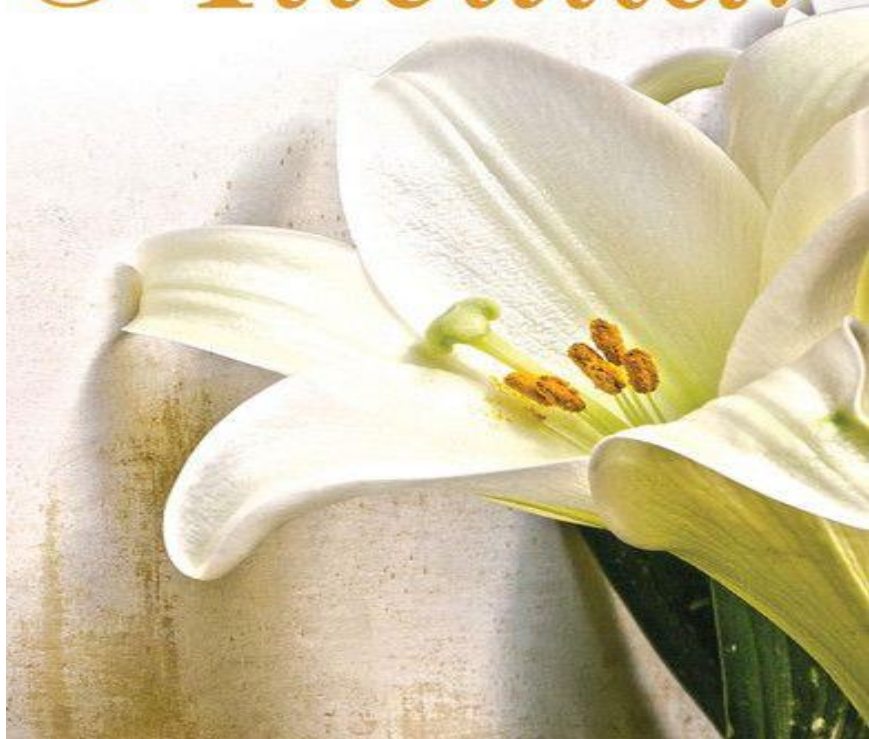


Alleluia!



April 26, 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service
8:00 A.M.

“To be a guiding light of Christ’s grace, justice, freedom and love”

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels**
The Diocese of Barbados

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

8:00 A.M. ~ SUNG EUCHARIST

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Deacon of the Word: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 730

God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;

here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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Opening Sentence “*Easter*”

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Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him.
Alleluia!

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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.*

The Collect: *“Fourth Sunday of Easter”*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.
ALL: **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.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Lector: 8:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the second chapter, beginning at the forty-second verse.

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.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.

Amen

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector: 8:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

A reading from the Word of God, written in First Peter, the
second chapter, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

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.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 476

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,

and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and
glorified.
He 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.**

(Please sit)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessor: 8:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P.

Intercession: **Form “H”**

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LEADER:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

PRESIDENT:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACT OF PENITENCE

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DEACON: **The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8,9)*

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON: **The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

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ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “A”

PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: *(During the singing of this hymn worshippers, are encouraged, as inspired, to share tangible expressions such as a hand shake, etc.)*



Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 361

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*Words: William Kethe (c1535-1594), 1561,
paraphrase of Psalm 101*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

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But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life. *(Go to page 131)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

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!

(Please sit or kneel as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: “Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And 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.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him for whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation “A”

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DEACON: The Rev’d Re-Shan A. White

My brother and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**



**The Administration of Communion/Spiritual
Communion**

The Communion Hymns ~ 616, 664 & 333

O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, “Thy will be done:”
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

Hymn ~ 664 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or marriage anniversary are asked to come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Words: Jane Eliza Leeson (1807-1882)

Hymn ~ 333

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Father's boundless love,

with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), after 2 Corinthians 13:14

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A”

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ALL:

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING ~ “Easter”

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The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

ALL: *Amen.*

(Please sit)

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 351

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
on them and on thy people
thy plenteous Grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,

to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

The Dismissal: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Comments ~ *“The believers’ common life”*

The new community of believers in the resurrected Jesus devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to sharing in eucharistic meals, and to the prayers. There are many signs and healing as the church grows. Followers of Christ express their commitment to one another even to the point of pooling their possessions. Their fellowship is characterized by joy and generosity, and many are drawn to them because of the richness of their common life.

Psalm 23

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

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) 1 Peter 2:19-25

Comments ~ *“Follow the shepherd, even in suffering”*

In this reading we learn that **disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.** This word is addressed primarily to those who are servants, but can well be applied to all Christians who endure pain despite having done no wrong. Their Lord has transformed the meaning of suffering and through his wounds brought healing. This letter was evidently written at a time when the Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing various forms of persecution.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Comments ~ *“Christ the shepherd”*

Our gospel presents **two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter.** These teachings are set in the context of controversy. Jesus’ words are directed against religious officials who do not know or truly care for their people. But Jesus knows his own sheep by name. They hear his voice and find the fullness of life.

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- Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00
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“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“To serve God is to have life to the fullest.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ April 26 – May 2, 2026***

27 Ms. Alice P. Hall

Mrs. Denise V. Taitt-Proute

28 Ms. Undine Straker

29 Mrs. Andrea A. D. Thomas

30 Mrs. Sherry L. S. Cumberbatch

2 Mrs. Helen Blugh-Taylor

Mr. Leo Adolphus Taylor



May God bless and strengthen you.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marcia Oxley, Gloria Regis, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Henderson R. Williams, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



DIOCESAN NEWS

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Transitional Deacons - The Rev'd Re-Shan White, The Rev'd Denis Maynard and The Rev'd Stevenson Sobers – will be ordained to the Priesthood on the Feast of St. John the

Apostle and Evangelist (Before the Latin Gate), in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All angels, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. **Your prayers and presence are requested.**



Today, The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026
8:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
10:00 A.M. ~ Annual Parish Meeting



Wednesday, April 29, 2026
10:00 A.M. ~ Worship, Reflection and Sacrament:
“Two Sides of the same Coin: Reflections on the
Ministry of a Deacon in the Church of God”
Presenters: The Rev’d Re-Shan A. White and The
Rev’d Richard O. Alleyne



Sunday, May 3, 2026
Next Sunday, The Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
April 26 to May 2, 2026**

| Day | Morning Readings | Evening Readings |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| The Fourth Sunday of Easter | Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38 Mark 6:30-44 | Psalm 103 Wisdom 1:1-15 1 John 2:18-29 |
| Monday | Psalms 41, 52 Exodus 32:1-20 Matthew 5:1-10 | Psalm 44 Wisdom 1:16— 2:11, 21-24 Colossians 3:18 —4:6(7-18) |
| Tuesday | Psalm 45 Exodus 32:21-34 Matthew 5:11-16 | Psalms 47, 48 Wisdom 3:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 119:49-72 Exodus 33:1-23 Matthew 5:17-29 | Psalms 49, [53] Wisdom 4:16—5:8 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 |
| Thursday | Psalm 50 Exodus 34:1-17 Matthew 5:21-26 | Psalms [59,60] or 114, 115 Wisdom 5:9-23 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 |
| Friday | Psalm 119:137-160 Job 23:1-12 John 1:43-51 | Psalm 139 Proverbs 4:7-18 John 12:20-26 |
| Saturday | Psalm 55 Exodus 40:18-38 Matthew 5:38-48 | Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 <i>Collect for 5 Easter</i> |

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