

St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA



4th Sunday of Easter
April 25th, 2021
RECORDED WORSHIP

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to our worship this day in the season of Easter. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us during this celebratory season of Easter which lasts fifty days when we acknowledge and embrace the new life offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus. You will notice beautiful flowers, colorful vestments and altar hangings, glorious music, the ringing of bells, and “Alleluias” being boldly proclaimed. We are celebrating God’s saving work through God’s offering of renewed and abundant life to us.

Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is “Alleluia.” May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brave. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we, like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. In your name, Jesus. Amen.

Liturgy for the Whole Church

Faithfully,
Mother Barbara

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

1982 Hymnal #304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP #355

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1982Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP #225

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 READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 4:5-12

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."

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

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

1 John 3:16-24

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

(A period of silence follows for reflection.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As disciples who know that Christ is risen, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As your Church rejoices this morning in the Resurrection of her Lord and Savior, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let the Easter hope be known in all the world. Give light to those who seek, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless our visitors and loved ones of our parishioners who are with them today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonder of the Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated from us, in the knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those for whom suffering and sorrow mar the happiness of this Easter season.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection. May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in the name of Christ who conquered death that we might live for ever.

Amen.

A MOMENT OF JOY

Mother Barbara

LORD'S PRAYER

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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is the Lord who calls your name.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Love divine, love excelling

1982 Hymnal #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP #366

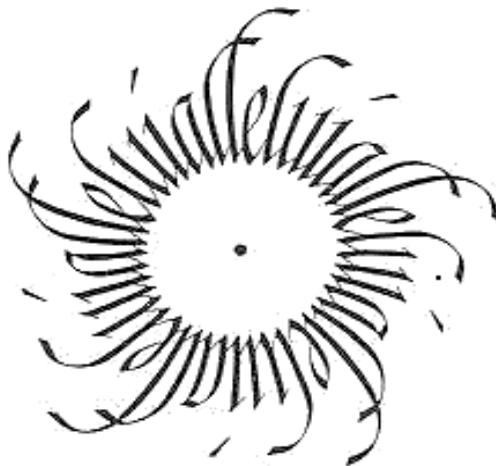
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Shepherd, like a savior lead us

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

Michelle DiBona Trefren, *cellist, vocalist*



WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Homilist:

Mother Barbara

Church Musicians:

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

Michelle DiBona Trefren, *cellist*

Vocalists:

Mary Beth Williams

Jay Williams

Michelle DiBona Trefren

Kevin Gorman

Lectors:

Frank Mazzacua

Susan Sanders

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively,
and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.*

Leadership

Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Parish Secretary Melanie Varner

Church Musician Brian Helman

Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman

Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC

Verger Mike Rhodes, FVGEC

Verger Bill Gawors

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Christina Luo, Senior Warden

Tom Briggs, Treasurer

Susan Tyler, Secretary

Brett Erickson

Brooke Leininger

Larry Shillock

John Boyle

Ken Dotson

Steve Smith

Kathy Varner

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services

Thursday 9:30 AM - Meditation (Zoom or church)

Live Stream Services and Recorded Services throughout the month

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