



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

April 21, 2024

Church of the Epiphany

Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Liturgy of the Word

BCP 361

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 174

"At the Lamb high feast we sing..."

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from His piercé side;
praise we Him whose love divine
gives His sacred blood for wine,
gives His body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty Victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant and People say

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.

The following is sung, all standing

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.*

All children (ages 6 - 18) are now invited to join Dr. Michele Lee and Kathleen Moran for Sunday School in the back room of the Parish Hall, where they will have a fun time learning about the Bible and Bible stories. The children will come back to the Sanctuary just before Communion. So, everyone who is going to Sunday School, please meet Dr. Michele at the back of the church.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 243

“When Stephen full of power and grace ...”

1 When Stephen, full of power and grace,
Went forth throughout the land,
He bore no shield before his face,
No weapon in his hand;
But only in his heart a flame
And on his lips a sword
Wherewith he smote and overcame
The foemen of the Lord.

2 When Stephen preached against the laws
And by those laws was tried,
He had no friend to plead his cause,
No spokesman at his side;

But only in his heart a flame
And in his eyes a light
Wherewith God's daybreak to proclaim
And rend the veils of night.

4 Let me, O Lord, thy cause defend,
A knight without a sword;
No shield I ask, no faithful friend,
No vengeance, no reward;
But only in my heart a flame
And in my soul a dream,
So that the stones of earthly shame
A jeweled crown may seem.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **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."

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Philips

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant or Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: For Megan our Bishop; Rev. John our priest, Rev. Kevin, and for all the faithful who serve in spirit of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For our President, for all the members of Congress, for our Governor and all those in power, that they might be guided by the spirit of your sacrifice to serve your people without thought of gain and without discrimination, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the Christians in the Holy Land, that they may be safe and their faith remain strong. We pray that the sites where Jesus was born, lived, and died may be accessible to all people, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it and for the willingness to share the abundance of her harvest among all your people so that no one will hunger, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the farmers and those who feed the hungry, for the firefighters and the peace officers, for the military and the peacekeepers. For those on our prayers list [*Insert prayer list here*] Let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the poor, the unemployed, prisoners and refugees and those who suffer any kind of oppression, and for all who remember and care for them, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who are elderly and alone, for those who are affected by illness or despair and for those who have lost contact with you, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the newly baptized. For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for all children, tweens and teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who have recently departed this life, that they may be safe in your arms. For those who lost loved ones, that their loss and pain will be lessened as they remember the promise of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made at this point in the service

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *Andrew Cocuzza (4/21), Carlyn Crystal (4/22), Ruth Bowen (4/24), Elizabeth Maloney (4/24)*

Holy Communion

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Offertory Anthem

Hymnal 664

"My Shepherd will supply my need..."

1 My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Hymnal 380 v. 3

"From all that dwell below the skies..."

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hears.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People **It is right to give God 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.

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 everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.

Communion Hymn

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re- turn.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be un- known, let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined, we are in Christ made one.

6. No race nor creed can love exclude, if honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

"Savior Like a Shepherd...."

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

4 Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of Reed Squier.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP burns to the Glory of God.

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Valerie Smith and Maxine Wakefield

8:00 Lector & Prayers: Kathleen Cocuzza, LEM & Acolyte : Marge Tye

10:00 Lector & Prayers: David Deerfeeder, Lay Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte: Nick Carlson,

NEWCOMERS please make yourself known to one of the Clergy. We have a gift for you – and thank you for visiting us.

upcoming events

Today at Epiphany:

- **Sunday School!** During the 10 a.m. service, children ages 6 to 18 will be excused to meet in the Parish Hall Sunday School Room, then returned to the Sanctuary for the Eucharist.
- **Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark:** After the 10 a.m. service in Rev. John's office. Led by the Rev. Kevin Phillips.

Fearless Faith Revival: A van from Epiphany will leave at 10:30 a.m. *Saturday, April 27*, and travel to the revival at St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville. If you want a ride, contact the office or Rev. John, or sign up at the table by the piano in the Sanctuary. Register online for Revival workshops: www.fearlessfaith2024.org/

Sacred Ground Circle for Epiphany & Grace-Fairfield: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany) begins May 5, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. See Karen Nolan for information.

Confirmation Class: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany) from 1:30-3:30 p.m. beginning May 12. Contact Rev. John for information.

Daily Morning Prayer: *8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays* on Facebook Live or Epiphany Vacaville's YouTube channel.

Nightly Compline Service online: *8 p.m. Monday through Saturday* on the Epiphany Facebook page.



Church of the Epiphany

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