

# ***Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit***

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



**April 21, 2024**

**9:30 am**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Rite II**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless  
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**The Holy Eucharist Rite II****Opening Hymn***Praise the Lord***Hymnal 334**

Welcome

Peace

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*People:* **His mercy endures for ever. Amen***Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you*People :* **And also with you.***Celebrant:* Let us pray**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

**The Liturgy of the Word****The First Lesson: 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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 23

- 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.

### The Epistle: 1 John 3:15-24

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### Sequence Hymn

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus*

**Hymnal 644 (v1-2)**

### The Gospel: John 10:11-18

*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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### Message

**Ted P**

## The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

*Celebrant:* Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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

*[Please kneel or be seated]*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Tom, our priest; Terri, our postulant for the diaconate, Ted our aspirant for the diaconate ;in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for \_\_\_\_; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, \_\_\_\_, and in the DR \_\_\_\_\_. In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for \_\_\_\_, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for our President, Joe Biden; our governor, Pete Ricketts; and for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and around the world. I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor and the destitute, for the sick, the hungry and those who struggle to survive; and for those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_], and those we name silently or out loud. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

In our own congregation, I ask your prayers that God stays with and strengthens all those who are ill; especially \_\_\_\_\_are there others?

I ask your prayers to lift up those with special concerns; especially the\_\_\_\_\_are there others?

I ask your prayers and remembrances today for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those

who are in harm's way \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Be with them and their families Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

Watch over those in our community who travel; especially; \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can.

We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; \_\_\_\_\_; are there others? and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; \_\_\_\_\_ are there others?

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Reader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

*The Celebrant continues:*

For 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**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

**Offertory Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**Hymnal 525**

**Doxology**

**Hymnal 380 v3**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader and All, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you, \_\_\_\_\_ And al -". The second staff is for the Leader, with lyrics: "so with you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lift up your". The third staff is for All, with lyrics: "hearts, \_\_\_\_\_ We lift them up to the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_". The fourth staff is for the Leader and All, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is". The fifth staff is for the Leader and All, with lyrics: "right to give our thanks and praise, \_\_\_\_\_".

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - - -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

*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 forever.

A - - - men. A - - - men.  
 A - - - - - men. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught we are bold to say

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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, the power and the glory,  
 Forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

## Fraction Hymn



*Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation:*

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.

## Communion Hymn

*I Come with Joy*

**Hymnal 304**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

## The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

## Going Forth Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd lead Us*

**Hymnal 706**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. .

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

### Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

**Birthday Prayer:** O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


**Anniversary Prayer:** O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen


#### **Birthdays:**

Chris G	Logan S
Michele H	Kris K
Allie Z	Edgar A
John K	Casey M

#### **Anniversaries:**

Rick & Rita S  
Doug & Marcia A

 The Nave Presence Candle is given by Fr Tom & Sharon Jones in Thanksgiving for our daughter Casey and her family, Ryan, Kyper, Ailynn & Hopper.

 The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Ken Gomeringer in Memory of my parents, Bob & Mary Gomeringer.



WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Apr 21	April 28
VPOD		Judy D	Kristi S
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 3	Team 4
Spirit Hub		Outreach - Food	Cindy P
Altar Bread		Carol M	Carol M
LEM's	5:00 pm	Charlotte A	Kathy B / Toby W
	8:00 am	Doug A	Terri S
	9:30 am	Terri S Grace W	Brian C Jan S
Recycle		Jan S	Karen G
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Isaiah JH Mya H MacKenzie C	Isaiah CH Olivia H Mya H

<b>This Week's Highlights</b>
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**Rector Search Committee:** Applications to serve on the committee must be received by the office no later than noon this Monday (22 Apr). All applications received after this will be marked late and may not be considered. Applications may be found at the Spirit Hub or on our website by [clicking here](#). Applications may be submitted either in hardcopy or by email.

**Journeys Crossing:** All are invited to join our youth on Wed (1 May) as we celebrate the graduation and advancement of youth participating in our Journeys program. Dinner begins at 6:30pm, and our service will begin about 7:15. If you are going to join us for dinner, please let us know by stopping by the Spirit Hub and signing the guest list.

**Recognition Sunday:** On Sun (5 May) we will be recognizing the accomplishments of our parish family. If you or a member of your family is graduating from Elementary, Jr or Sr High, Trade School, or college, please let the office know so we can add all to our prayers on this day. During announcements we will also reveal the winner of this year's CHS College scholarship.

**Stephen Center:** This month, we are taking donations to purchase toiletries for the Stephen Center. Our goal is to raise at least \$500 to provide, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tissues, and socks. Please place the word "homeless" in the memo line of your check.

**Volunteer Needed:** Fr Tom is looking for a volunteer to assist him with his youth activities coordination beginning in May. If you like working with youth, and are interested in helping, please contact Fr Tom.