

SAINT ANNE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Conway, South Carolina



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

April 26, 2026

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (Alles ist an Gottes Segen) (H 334)

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

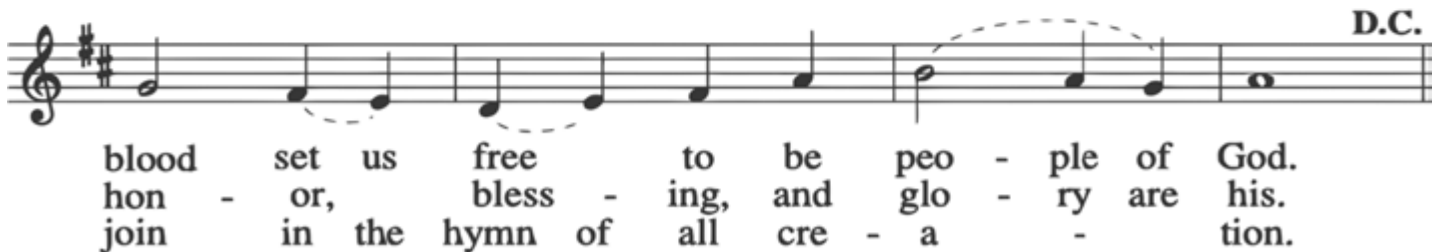
During the Easter season, the people are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of baptism.

SONG OF PRAISE

This is the Feast of Victory for our God



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest 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.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Based on Isaiah 40:9; Ezekiel 34:11 and Matthew 11:28

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

People Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Cantor Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem here is your God.

People Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Cantor I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

People Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Cantor Come unto me if you are heavily burdened, and take my yoke upon your shoulders. I will give you rest.

People Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

²⁰If 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Come Now, O Prince Of Peace (O-so-so) (WLP 795)

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Please stand as you are able.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[Jesus said,] ¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

Hear us Lord as we lift our voices in common cause saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church universal, that the circumstances of this world will lead us into new ways of being the good dream of God; a body of people who love and serve God and neighbor. We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Kevin our priest, and Charlie our intern*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Christ Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant, The Rev. Furman Buchanan, Rector*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our nation, and all nations, that we might live in health, safety, and peace. We pray for those who govern, that they keep the needs of all people as their first priority; and that truth and mercy are their closest companions. We pray for *Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the poor, the hungry and the marginalized and for those whose life's work is to help them with basic needs and the ability to thrive.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our unique situations and needs. For health, for the safety and happiness of our families, for our coworkers, friends, neighbors. We pray especially for those things that bring us fear or anxiety, asking that we might shed our concerns and be at peace.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who suffer sickness or debility, that they might know healing and wholeness. Especially we pray for *Jeff C, George W, Nancy, Mattie, Drew and Mary Madison, Cindy Lee, Faye, Elizabeth, Shirley, Bill, John, Michael, Kayla, Phillip, Jill, Sandra, Angela, Jeri, Brandon, Cindy, Debbie, Kathleen, Chrystal, Don, Melissa-Ann, Maverick, George, Lew, Ann and Mike, Betty, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray in thanksgiving for this life and, in faith, for the life to come. Bless the dying with your grace and welcome. Grant us also the hope of heavenly reunion in the age to come. Especially we pray for *Patricia Walsh, Bernadine Read Glenn, Herrick Smith, Sr., Ted Bunton, and Linda Weeks Gangi.*

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Priest Good Shepherd, you know your own and call us each by name: lead us beside still waters and restore our souls, that we may follow where you lead and trust in your care; for you live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says:

As those who have been gathered and cared for by the Good Shepherd, let us offer to God the first fruits of all that we are and all that we have.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

American Folk Hymn from Southern Harmony 1835

arr. Linda Pratt

St. Anne's Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Em, D, G, Am, C, D, D, Em, C, Em, G, Am7, D7, G.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (Arnatt) (WLP 859)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment in G major, 2/2 time. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

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

**Optional choir part repeats first phrase here.*

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

All voices

We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -
 - rec - tion, we a - wait ____ his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S 150 The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Hurd)

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

Slightly faster

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,

the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover (Vaughan Williams) (Sine Nomine)

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

INVITATION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or*
- Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.*

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

The Lord Is My Shepherd (LEVAS 104)

1. The _____ Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;
 2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,
 3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;
 4. Let _____ good - ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest; _____
 2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear; _____
 3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er; _____
 4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - bove; _____

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow, _____
 2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay; _____
 3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head; _____
 4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod, _____

1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;
 2. No _____ harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;
 3. O _____ what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

1. Re - stores me when wan-d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed.
 2. No harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near.
 3. O what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

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.*

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest Rebecca, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Ann and Mike, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.

People *Because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *The Lord, The Lord, The Lord Is My Shepherd* (MHSO 102)

Refrain: The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is my shep-herd. The
1 You bring me rest in green, green pas-tures. You
2 My fear is gone for you are with me. Your

Lord, the Lord, the Lord is my shep-herd. The
lead me to the the still, still wa-ters. You
rod and staff bring com-fort sure; your

Lord, the Lord, the Lord is my shep-herd. The
guide me a-long your own right way. The
good-ness and mer-cy shall fol-low me. The

Lord is my shep-herd and I shall not want.

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DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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