

The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2015 • 11:15 am

Washington National Cathedral

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Festive Changes on "Westminster Abbey"

Jonathan Santore (b. 1963)

CHORALE PRELUDE

All glory be to God on high, BWV 676

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Very Bread, Good Shepherd, tend us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Very Bread, Good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of thy love, befriend us, thou refresh us, thou defend us, thine eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see; thou who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such Food bestowest, grant us with thy Saints tho' lowest, where the heavenly Feast thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 518

Sung by all, standing.

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has raised Jesus from the dead; giving us new life and new hope.

God has claimed us as God's own.

God has brought us out of darkness and made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The presider prays the collect and the people respond, Amen.

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, 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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 Chant: H. Walford Davies

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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 SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

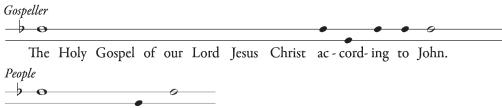
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

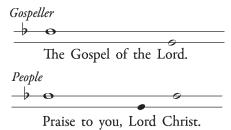
THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18



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 people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London

The people stand.

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession,

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy hear us and accept our prayers.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

The Lord is my shepherd

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

Jesus, our mighty Lord

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

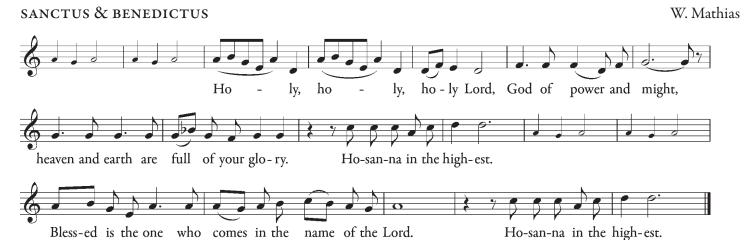
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:



The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, Peter and Paul, 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

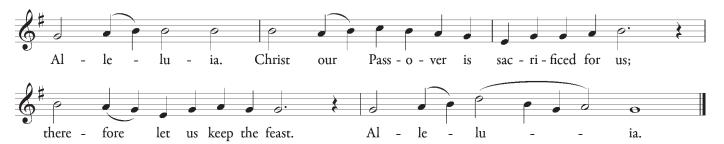
Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence, each in our own language, the prayer our Savior has taught us:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Douglas Major (b. 1961)



INVITATION The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you desire to receive prayers for healing, you are invited to proceed to War Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

The true shepherd

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep. For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and I will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scatter'd sheep, so I will seek out my sheep, I will seek them out. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord."

—John 21:15-16, Ezekiel 34:11-12a, 15

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Said by all, standing.

Merciful God, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen

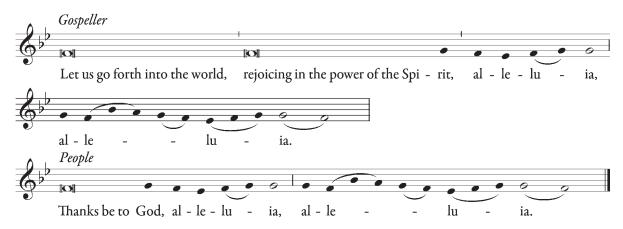
God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL



CLOSING HYMN • 334

Sung by all.

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing!

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fête, Op. 51

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

WORSHIP LEADERS Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, The Very Reverend David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral - London, Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

FLOWER GIFTS Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. High Altar: in memory of Bishop Robert Brewster Board, and in celebration of the marriage of Catharine Gwaltney and Matthew Babcock; altar in St. Mary's Chapel: in honor of Martha H. Lacey, former head of the Cathedral Altar Guild; altar in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Vera D. Graf on the anniversary of her birthday; altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Bronaugh Woodland and Margaret Aldridge Deringer; altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Turton Schneider; altar in St. Joseph's Chapel: in memory of Katharine Monks.

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