



The 4th Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER

8 MAY 2022

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
are given to the glory of God.

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly move to the chancel.

Hymn 708

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Opening Sentence

BCP p. 77

The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 79

The Officiant continues

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People together, all kneeling.

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 heart;
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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces

BCP p. 80

All stand. The Officiant begins

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

The Invitatory

BCP p. 81

The Officiant continues

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm

BCP p. 759

The Congregation prays Psalm 23.

BCP p. 621

S 413

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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 Officiant and People sing Pascha Nostrum.

Hymn S47

William Henry Walter (1825-1893)

Christ our Passover

THE LESSONS

The People are seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 9:36-43, is now read

Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing Canticle 16, Benedictus Dominus Deus.



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the | God of | Israel; *
he has come to his | people and | set them | free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a | mighty | savior, *
born of the | house of his | servant | David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would | save us from our | enemies, *
from the | hands of | all who | hate us.
- 4 He promised to show | mercy to our | fathers *
and to re|member his | holy | covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our | father | Abraham, *
to set us | free from the | hands of our | enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him with | out | fear, *
holy and righteous in his | sight all the | days of our | life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the | Möst | High, *
for you will go before the | Lord to pre | pare his | way,
- 8 To give his people | knowledge of sal | vation *
by the for | giveness | of their | sins.
- 9 In the tender com | passion | of our | God *
the dawn from on | high shall | break up | on us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
| shadow of | death, *
and to guide our | feet in- to the | way of | peace.
- Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, *
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:
As it was in the be-|ginning, is | now, *
and | will be for | ever. A | men.

The second lesson, Revelation 7:9-17, is now read

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing Canticle 21, Te Deum laudamus



- ¹ You are | God: we | praise you;
You are the | Lörd: | we ac | claim you;
- ² You are the e | ternal | Father:
All cre | ation | worships | you.



- 3 To you all angels, all the | powers of | heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, | sing in | endless | praise:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of | power and | might,
heaven and | earth are | full of your | glory.
- 5 The glorious company of a | postles | praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 6 The white-robed army of | martyrs | praise you.
Throughout the world the | holy | Church ac | claims you;
- 7 Father, of | majes- ty un | bounded,
your true and only Son, | worthy | of all | worship,
- 8 and the | Holy | Spirit,
-- | advo | cate and | guide.
- 9 You, Christ, are the | king of | glory,
the e | ternal | Son of the | Father.
- 10 When you became man to | set us | free
you did not | shun the | Virgin's | womb.
- 11 You overcame the | sting of | death
and opened the kingdom of | heaven to | all be | lievers.
- 12 You are seated at God's right | hand in | glory.
We believe that you will | come and | be our | judge.
- 13 Come then, Lord, and | help your | people,
bought with the | price of | your own | blood,
- 14 and bring us | with your | saints
to | glory | ever | lasting.

The People may be seated, The third lesson, John 10:22-30, is now read.

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; ²³ it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews

gathered round him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness to me;²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;²⁸ and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Apostles’ Creed

BCP p. 96

All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant introduces the Creed, saying

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

BCP p. 332

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

The People may be seated for the Welcome & Announcements.

The Offering

During the singing of the Offertory, the ushers will collect the people's offerings.

Offertory

Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

The Lord's my shepherd

THE PRAYERS

BCP p. 97

All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant begins

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and People sing

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages

BCP p. 98

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect for the Day

BCP p. 224

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 Collect for Sundays

BCP p. 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Collect for Mission

BCP p. 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

Amen.

The Intercessions

*The People remain standing. The Officiant bids the Intercessions and Thanksgivings
At the end of each petition the people say, "Hear our prayer."*

At the conclusion of the Intercessions, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered

together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting to us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Office Hymn 663

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The Lord my Shepherd is

The Officiant concludes

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn 478

Monk's Gate

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Postlude

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Greeter Irene & Butch Yeager
Officiant..... Eugene Johnston
First Lesson Lector Geri Moulton
Second Lesson Lector..... Mary Sheffield
Third Lesson Lector.....Janet Buckley
Altar Guild..... Cindy Gass & Martha Jones
Vestry Tellers..... Janet Buckley & Eugene Johnston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers Howard Yeager, Mitchell Schlegel,
Neva Bache, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris,
Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee,
Jayson Chestang.

Our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us: Marian Boykin,
Bob Ross, Ron & Marie Brown, Budd McLean,
Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Doug Turner, Darrell Thaxton,
Bob Sheffield, Marion Hudson, Steve Wood, Carla Peacock,
Carol Unsworth, Susan Hansen, Lisa Alexander,
Robert Alexander, Billy Taylor, Allie Barker, Bill Cutts,
Pam Garner, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn,
Sharon Lee Nolan, Willie Douglas, Gail Savage, Daniel Day,
Shirley Cochran, Peggy Sheffield, Cliff Federle, Helen Guthrie,
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Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler,
Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Connor Crist, Paul Nelson,
Tricia Spencer(*deacon*), Stephen Campbell(*priest*),
Andrew St. John(*bishop*)

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:
Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt,
Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner,
Eric Mattoon.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

34 1 May, Third Sunday of Easter

OFFERINGS RECEIVED:

\$2,208 Week of 24 April

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today	10:00 AM	Sung Mass: Third Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	Vestry Meeting in the Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer: Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	ECW Meeting

The church office is staffed from 9:00AM until 2:00PM, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call the Senior Warden at 251-709-2343. The office@stjohnsmobile.org email account will be checked regularly.

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