



St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg, FL
Order of Worship: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday 10:15 AM
April 21, 2024

Prelude: *“It is Well With My Soul”* (Bliss)
“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” (Walther)

Processional: Victory Chant! *Soloists: Kara Pearson, Ethan Williams, Hailey Pearson,*
Lucy Trees, Anna Delgado, Finley Weber, Gideon Williams

(sing responsively)

1- Hail Jesus, You're my King.

Your life frees me to sing.

I will praise You all my days.

You're perfect in all your ways.

2- Hail Jesus, You're my Lord.

I will obey your word.

Wanna see Your kingdom come.

Not my will but Yours be done.

(Refrain)

Jesus, you are the victory.

Hallelujah! You are the victory.

Singing, “Glory to the King of Kings.”

Hallelujah! You are the victory.

(sing responsively)

3- Glory, glory to the Lamb.

You will take me into the land.

We will conquer in Your name.

And proclaim that Jesus reigns.

4- Hail, hail, Lion of Judah!

How powerful You are!

Hail, hail, Lion of Judah!

How wonderful You are!

(Refrain)

(sing vs. 3&4 responsively)

(Refrain)

We're gonna lift You higher, higher, say

The name of Jesus higher, higher, say

No other name is higher, higher, say

“Victory! Victory!” Hey!

(sing 4x)

(Refrain)

(sing vs. 4 twice responsively)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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*

Hymn 178: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

The Collect of the Day

<i>The Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.*

Acts 4:5-12

Clara Lahey

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

Clara Lahey

- 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.

Anthem: "Shepherd of My Heart" Cantate Singers

1 John 3:16-24

Maggie Graham

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.*

Gospel Hymn 645: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vv. 1-2 before, vv. 5-6 after)

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John 10:11-18
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.

The Senior Sermon

Ellen Brooks

Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

We believe 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III (BCP 387)

Grady Logan

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
That we may all be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop,
Tom our Rector, Art, our assisting Clergy, and for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Ron our Governor, Jimmy our Mayor, and all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the world:
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We especially remember **Janet Davis, Baby Violet, Jim Mitchell.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

We offer our thanksgivings for both the newly born, and for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week, especially, **Jeff Binneveld, Wendy Breeden, Tanina Singeltary, Christopher Battle, Doug Springmann, Maggie Delgado, Carmen Rebusmen, Tom Danielson, Richard Singeltary, Ralph Lambert, Sharon Bowersox, and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage this week, especially David and Cherie Knowles, Marc and Marie Crouch, Andrew and Shelly Logan.**

Your own intercessions are invited at this time, either aloud or in the privacy of your hearts.

The Celebrant concludes with the following Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and people

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 Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory: "Sonata in CM: Allegro" (Breval) Noah Lahey, Lara Lahey

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (*Tune: "Land of Rest"*)

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. *(Tune: "Land of Rest")*

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.*

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace. (Mass of Creation)

Communion Hymn: 711 Seek Ye First

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” (Anderson)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

The Celebrant says the Blessing:

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in in the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, now and always. Amen.

*Anthem: "Living God's Love" Jubilate Singers and Bells:
Stephanie Engel, Linda Flanagan, Nancy Moran*

Recessional Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Chorus*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Chorus*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *Chorus*

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: *“Toccata in C” (Zipoli)*

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: Steve and Babs, take these Holy gifts of our Lord’s Body and Blood.

***People:* We send you forth in the name of St. James bearing these Holy gifts, so that those to whom you go may experience with us the majesty and mystery of his presence through the sharing of the bread and wine. May you carry the prayers of us all.**

Celebrant: We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Our Eucharistic Visitor today is Steve and Babs Treiber. Steve and Babs are being commissioned to bring Holy Communion to Dottie Elliott.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, reserved for the Glory of God, and in Memory of Madeleine I. Boudreau by Charlotte Boudreau.