The Holy Eucharist

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Year B, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

Musician: Chris Eisenberg

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/ For those worshiping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be caretakers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn "This joyful Eastertide" Hymnal 192

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.*



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray. Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading – 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me



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 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Celtic Alleluia" MHSO 20

(The Celtic alleluia will be sung three times before the reading of the gospel and once after the reading of the gospel.)

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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The Gospel Reading – 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.

Homily - The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

The Nicene Creed (said together, standing 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

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

People O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Chris Peterson*, *Travis Sanger and Sam Starkey* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People from "Intercessions for the Christian People"

Leader

Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us Pray for Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes

God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.

Offertory Hymn "The King of love my shepherd is" Hymnal 645



You can make a donation to the church by scanning the QR code above with your phone.

The Doxology (sung)

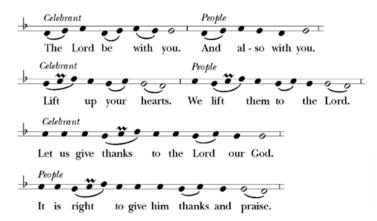
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures, here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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When, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds



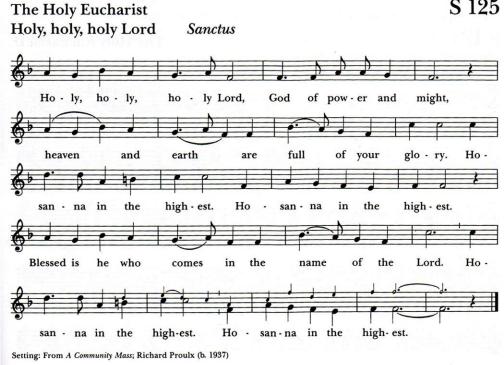
When, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds Presider

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 we are 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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 all 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

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

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, Antony, 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, I invite you to join me and pray in the language of your heart,

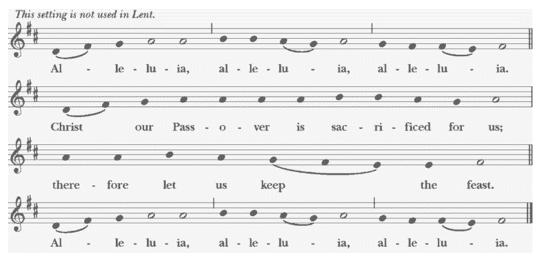
Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional

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.

Fraction Rite Hymnal S-154



We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.

To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar behind the railing and in front. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may choose either to get a single use compostable cup on your way to the altar, or drink from the common cup. To receive a blessing

instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.

We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music – Chris Eisenberg

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "Christ is alive, let Christians sing" Hymnal 182

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Jan & Dave Peterson are our hosts today.



Happy Birthday!

23rd Marie Sherwin

Al Woods

25th Sandy Stockwell

26th Kristen Fabry

William George

27th Avery van As

Richie Wojcinski

Happy Anniversary!

22nd Carl & Carole Nau

26th David & Carolyn Sorrell

The Altar Flowers are given today by Kristen Fabry and Time Van As in celebration of Kristen and Avery's birthdays.

*Flowers arranged by Donna Hilton *

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by the Altar Guild.

The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others: Gather, Grow, and Go!

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