

The Holy Eucharist

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey
Musicians: Mark Westin, Holly Hoxeng,
Soren van As
Acolytes: Caroline & Nolan

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton
Eucharistic Minister: Peter Stockwell
Lay Readers: Nyah Fox, Sarah Rogers

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/> For those worshipping 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 care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Kllalam 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 ***"Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness"*** Hymnal 492

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Lord in Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

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.**

Gloria “All Glory to God” (Ash Grove Tune)

The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "All glo-ry to_ God in the heights of_ the hea-vens, and peace to_ his peo-ple, his peo-ple on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we give you our wor-ship, and for your great glo-ry we sing out our thanks: O_ Lord, heav'n-ly_ King, God the Fa - ther Al - -migh-ty, Lord Je - sus the Christ and the Fa-ther's dear Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, on-ly Son of_ the_ Fa-ther, have mer - cy_ on_ us, Lord, have mer - cy on us."

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Music: Traditional Welsh melody
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Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant: 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 First Reading – Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their

possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day 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, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being 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 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If 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. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

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

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

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Sequence Hymn ***“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”*** Hymnal 343
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel and 3-4 after.)

The Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

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 *Mae Myers and Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Adapted from “Hear our Prayer” by Jon White and Lisa Graves

Leader:

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, especially for Phil our bishop, and Hillary our vicar, and for all the clergy and lay ministers throughout our diocese, that the circumstances of this world will lead us into new ways of being the good dream of God; a body of people who live and serve God and neighbor.

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, especially Donald our president, and Bob our governor, that they keep the needs of all people as their first priority; and that truth and mercy are their closest companions.

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.

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.

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

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for Good Shepherd Church, Rafidia, West Bank. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for St. Peter's, Seattle; Trinity, Seattle; Apostles, Seattle.

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

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

The prayer list is read

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray for peace to come to our hurting world.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as beloved children of one God. For yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes

God of love; you know our needs greater than we know them ourselves; hear us and answer us as you have always done and clothe us in your loving grace that we might fully be your Son's continuing work in the world; and all this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

Offertory Hymn "Shepherd me, O God" ELW 780

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life._____ *Fine*

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I rest in the mead-ows of
2. Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you lead me by path-ways of
3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I fear no__ e - vil, for

to Refrain
faith - ful - ness and love, I walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.____
righ-teous-ness and truth, my spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.____
you are at my side, your rod and your staff my com-fort and my hope.____

4. Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

to Refrain
I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more._____

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OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS

The offertory plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between

you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

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 A from the BCP

Celebrant *All*
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant *All*
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

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:

Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord” (Dufford & Schutte)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na on high.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Celebrant continues:

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 Anthem “God’s Paschal Lamb” Verse 1&2

1. God's Pas-chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with joy we
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no more do -

keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we share the bread of _ truth.
- min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to sin and live_ to_ God,

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

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COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

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; the ushers will guide you. 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, which are behind the privacy kneelers, or to receive from the common cup. To do so, simply guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, communion in one kind is just as valid; simply cross your arms over your chest when the wine is offered to you, and the minister will say the words over you and move on.

To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest when each element is offered to you.

We have gluten-free wafers available; you can request one from the priest at your turn.

Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you.

Communion Hymn #1 “Savior, like a shepherd lead us” Hymnal 708

Communion Hymn #2 “He Lives” (Next page)

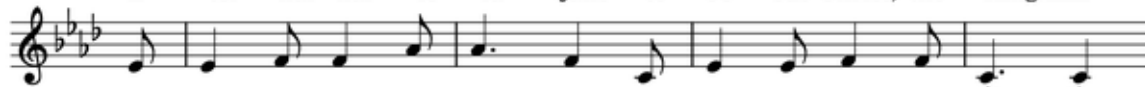
Verses



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;____
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care;____
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing.____



I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say;____
And though my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair;____
E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King!____



I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer;____
I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;____
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;____



And just the time I need Him____ He's al - ways near.____
The day of His ap - pear - ing____ will come at last.____
None oth - er is so lov - ing,____ so good and kind.____

Refrain



He lives,____ He lives,____ Christ Je - sus lives_ to - day!____



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.____



He lives,____ He lives,____ sal - va - tion to im - part!____



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.____

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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 risen, Alleluia!"



1. Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Cel - e - brate this day of ___ days!
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of ___ des - pair.
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be ___ the ___ same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in ___ won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the ___ morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing. See, a ___ spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ___ ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ___ ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste ___ of love un - known. ___
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace ___ shall nev - er end. ___
God the First and Last is ___ with us. Al - le - lu - ia ev - 'ry one! ___

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude



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

Happy Birthday!

4-26 Kristen Fabry

4-26 William George

4-27 Avery van As

4-27 Richie Wojcinski

May

5-01 Easton Wright

Happy Anniversary!

4-26 - David & Carolyn Sorrell

The Altar Flowers are given today by Kristen Fabry & Tim 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.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, April 26*** ***8am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1***
9:00am – Episcopal 101
10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2
11:45am – Charles Smith Mission Update Presentation
1pm – Project Linus
- Tuesday, April 28*** ***Noon – New Beginnings Contemplative Group***
- Thursday, April 30*** ***12:30pm – Bible Study***
- Saturday, May 2*** ***9am – Building and Grounds Work Party – Volunteers needed***
- Sunday, May 3*** ***8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1***
9am – Episcopal 101
10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Teen Bible Study
6pm – Youth Group

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community who worship God,
grow in Christ, and serve others: Gather, Grow, and Go!***



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