



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 2:42–47

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 995

Commentary: The life of the early Jerusalem church was marked by four things: attention to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, observance of Holy Communion and prayer. It is no accident that attention to the apostles' teaching comes first in this list, because precept must precede practice. The wonder-inspiring miracles that the apostles performed pointed to God's power at work in their midst. The believers' willingness to sell their personal property in order to help others demonstrated true Christian love. At this point there was no significant opposition to the Christian movement. The apostles were faithful to their calling, and the work of the Lord Jesus caused the church to grow.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

NRSV, p. 979

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
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