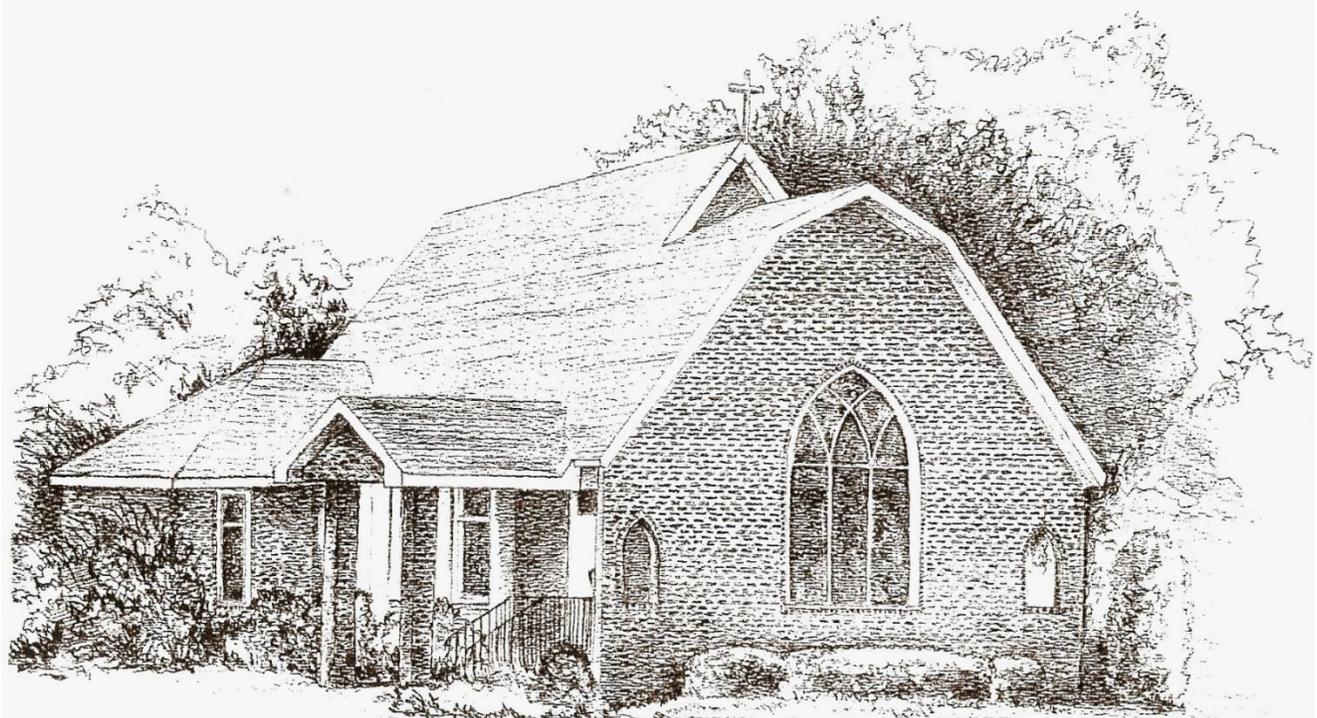


St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

PRELUDE

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #182

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant may say

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.***

Hymnal 1982 - S280 - Gloria (*service music is located in the front of the
1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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.*

First Lesson

A Reading from Book of 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 23

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 Epistle

A reading from the First Letter of 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #646 (1-3)

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 646(4-6)

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Donald Woodrum

The Nicene Creed

**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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,***

*known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop when present, or 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.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn- 1982 Hymnal- #708

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

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:

Hymnal 1982 - S129 - Sanctus *(service music is located in the front of the*

1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s")

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.

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.

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.***

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

People and Celebrant

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymnal 1982 – S164 - Fraction Anthem (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The Communion of the People (*All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine*)

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #304

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.***

Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 199

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

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

The People respond ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: Sue Mobley, Deanette Collins, Rosemary Eakins, Phyllis Taylor, Rachel Hingson, Diana Kosty, Meredith Mobley, Thom Thomas, the family of Wayne Poplin, Hailey Foland, Irvin & Olga Dees, Lila Poston, the family of Jackie Kent, Reece Hopkins, James Cannon, Jackie Christenson, Doug Helgeson, Rick Buxton, Sarah Giddens, Tanya Fulgham, Albert Sutton, Dennis and Marianne Roy.

Sustained Illness/Concern: Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, and Brittany Smith, Sister Maria Ann, Brent Trost, Kris Cheatham, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Chris & Kathy Thomas, Gwyn Herrington, Cole Thomas

Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus,

and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children. St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

ACOLYTES & LECTORS NEEDED- We are in need of acolytes and lectors. Please contact Bart Boggus, 208-4213, if you can help acolyte. Please contact the church office, 219-0122, if you can help lector.

GATEWAY FOOD BANK TRUCK Praise report: Gateway Food bank/Catholic Charities has raised half of their goal for a new refrigerated truck for the food bank. Many thanks to all who have supported this effort!

St. Luke's Food Bank served 120 families in March

DEACON'S CORNER: Thank God we have a way to send money to Cuba! The need is ever growing in Matanzas. There are 5 strains of the Corona Virus active in Cuba and the problem is growing and deaths are rising. It is affecting the children now more than ever and Sarah and Suzanna, Tulia's daughters, are living in fear of getting it. She is able to get a little food, but medicines are non-existent in Cuba. Tulia still has a few things that we took her on our last trip, but they are disappearing fast. Someone called her from a neighboring town asking for medicine. He is not from Matanzas and had to get special permission to travel to Matanzas to get the medicine. It appears he was denied permission because he never came. Evidently, he got Tulia's number from the telephone operator. He didn't know he was calling a church, but thought it was some kind of government facility. The fame of Fieles A Jesus is broader than anyone expected. We still hope he will be able to come. It is the last tube of triple antibiotic that she has. No one has aspirin or any other kind of pain relief. People are suffering and desperately need our prayers. Tulia sends her thanks to us for our prayers for her

and her family. God is sustaining her as He answers our prayers.

CALLING FOR YOUTH LEADER The Deans have been wonderful Youth Group Leaders and kept the youth engaged through an exceptional year. In the fall, the baton will need to be passed. St. Luke's is so blessed to have such a polite and easy-going group of young people. Please pray about filling the need for new Youth Leader(s). St. Luke's young people need you.