

Family Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m.



ORGAN PRELUDE

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN #304, v. 1,2,5 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
I Come with Joy to meet My Lord

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 GOSPEL – John 10:11-18

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

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

John 10:11-18

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. Timothy Johnson+, Rector

SONG OF RESPONSE

We believe

T. D. Smith

(Please stand as you are able.

Sung to hymn tune from # 495 in the Hymnal 1982 – blue hymnal.)

**We believe in God the Father, God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's King to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers.)*

THE PEACE *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sheep May Safely Graze
Advent Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.
Hymn tune from # 400 in the **Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal.)*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy - #362, v. 1 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee!
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and might,
God in three person, blessed Trinity.**

(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God...

...all honor and glory is your, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**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.
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.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION HYMNS #831 in the **Wonder, Love and Praise** (the green hymnal)
Ubi Caritas Jacques Berthier

#343 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of
salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have
made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us
forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming
love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our
Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #645 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
The King of Love my Shepherd Is

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Timothy A. Johnson +, Rector
Lay Reader: Bill Hutchins
Sub Deacon: Branán Cooper
Ushers: Diane Bieberbach, Mike Bell,
Suzanne Pusey
Guest Organist: Bill Robinson

*The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by:
Kathleen Rhodes;
and Gerry Cousins, in celebration of Diane's
birthday and in thankfulness for the blessing
of her presence among us. May today's
collective prayers and offerings uplift her
spirit and bring her joy.*