

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

#### 10 AM Rite 2 Holy Eucharist, Prayer D

Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

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Welcome to St. John's. All service music, hymns, and prayers can be found in either of our two hymnals and our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). If you get lost, no worries. It is all prayer! Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together with St. John's. We want to practice the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus, making it plain that "God thinks you are fabulous - and so do we." Let us know on a visitor card if you are interested in membership or baptism, and we will be in touch about the next steps. Please say hello, and come have some coffee after church in the Hospitality Suite after church. Take a look at our announcements insert for ongoing activities and please come and join us in our journey to be Christ-followers. Children are the church. We welcome all children (even when squirmy or noisy). Feel free to go back and forth to the "kids spot" in the lobby which is equipped with books, coloring pages, and stuffed animals. The noise is heavenly music to God's ears! If you feel uncomfortable with the noise, please take care of yourself. You are welcome to sit with your child in the Kids Spot and follow worship, or you can find comfy seats in the hospitality suite (hallway to the front left of the Church.) We will bring you communion wherever you are. Restrooms are through either of the doors at the front of the Church. Go down the hall (on the right) or across the hall (on the left) to the Hospitality Suite.

The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book) **PRELUDE:** TBA

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing - Hymnal 182

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** BCP 355

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** BCP 355



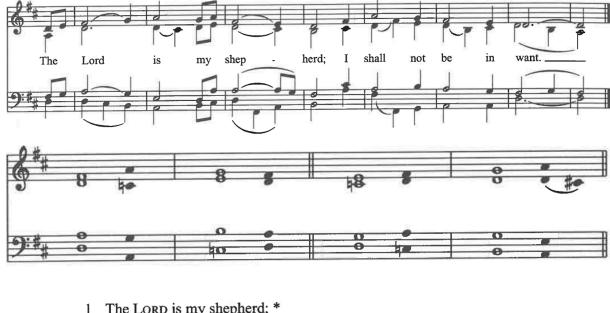
### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 224

# THE LESSONS 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."

# 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.	[ANT.]
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.	[ANT.]
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 <u>life</u> , *	

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

[ANT.]

# 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.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** How Sweet The Name of Jesus- Hymnal 64

## All stand.

## GOSPEL: 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."

All stand.

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III BCP 387

THE PEACE BCP 360

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

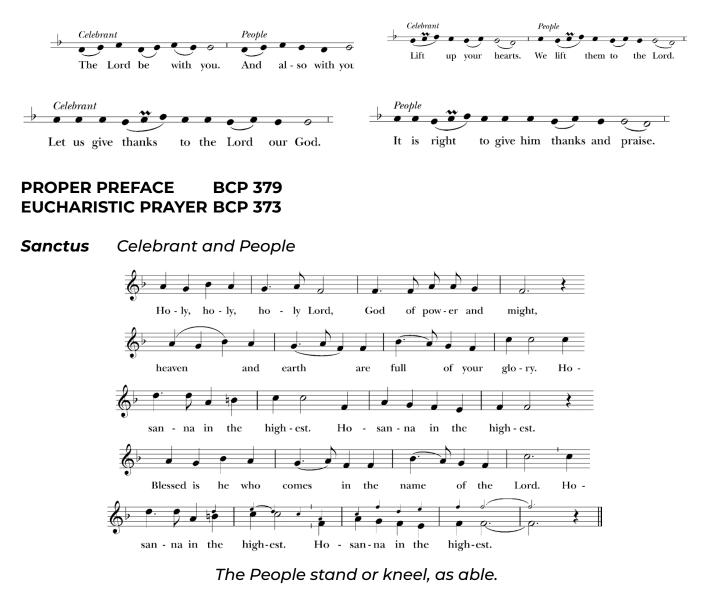
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN-**

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward to the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVINGRite 2, Prayer D begins on BCP 372SURSUM CORDA S 120 Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 372)

The People remain standing.



The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer-BCP 373And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

### Invitation BCP 364

We share communion in both kinds, available by intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire intinction, hold the bread in your hand and the minister will instinct it for you and place it on your tongue. For a blessing only, fold your arms. We also offer healing prayers and blessings from the priest. Simply remain at the rail after finishing communion and the priest will come and pray for you.

COMMUNION SONG – The King of Love My Shepherd Is- Hymnal 645

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365 BLESSING -** The Priest blesses the people

**POST COMMUNION HYMN** The Church's One Foundation- Hymnal 525

DISMISSAL BCP 366

# ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 21, 2024

Join us in Celebrating The life of Our Beloved Mom



Maureen Jane Sewell (May 12,1951-April 13,2024) Saturday April 27th,2024 at 11am St. John's Episcopal Church 3480 East Main Street College Park,GA 30337

With the continuity of Burial service at cemetery 3600 North Adams, College Park , G.A. 30337 Please join us on lunch and to share your stories and favorite memories of Maureen at St. John's Episcopal Church

> R.S.V.P Noel(678-800-9953) Carol/Nabeel(404-200-0736) Chyrol(404-747-0653) Joel(404-903-4184)

Wednesday Night Supper is on Hiatus until August - We have so enjoyed dinner this year along with our CP Kids' Choir Families. WNS is on a break until choir resumes in the Fall.

**Congratulations to one of our own, a "child" of St. John's, Kathryn "Kat" Folk** upon receiving her endorsement for ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA. She serves as Vicar at Kennesaw First United Lutheran Church and is building a campus ministry at Kennesaw State University. Kat grew up here at St. John's, so we proudly take some credit for her success!

We have many online Prayer and Fellowship Groups during the week: "Second Cup" – online fellowship time- Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM – Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486



**During Easter and Ordinary Time we are Reading, Praying and Studying The Psalms.** Collected within these beautiful poems is the entire range of human experience. By learning how to read them we can enter into their beauty more authentically and deeply. (room ID: 846-4584-1672 password: 3480) Wednesdays at 630 PM. *Our resources will be: Psalms: The Prayerbook of the Bible by Bonhoeffer and Creach- Interpretation Bible Studies: Psalms. All are available online via your favorite booksellers.* 





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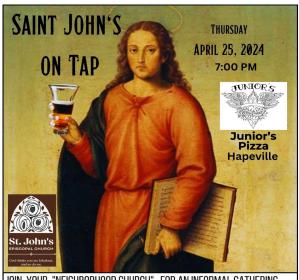
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