



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all in the name of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 8 a.m. April 21, 2024: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the Celebrant enters the Chapel.

Acclamation and Collect for Purity *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

Song of Praise OR Kyrie *as appointed BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 356*

The Collect of the Day *All remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Readings *The texts of the Readings are provided inside*

The Lesson

The Psalm

The Epistle

The Holy Gospel

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *All standing BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

All may greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer *All stand.*

The four Prayer Book forms of the Eucharistic Prayer begin on page 361.

Following the proclamation of "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional form*) *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 364*

The Breaking of the Bread *A brief silence is kept.*

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365 or 366*

All pray together, kneeling.

The Blessing

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

9 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Welcoming all in the name of Christ

9:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Pastorale*

Alec Rowley

*The Congregation is asked to sit as far forward as possible,
using the front pews of the Nave and of the Transepts.*

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the ministers enter.

Easter Acclamation

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *Before the Lord's eternal throne* *HYMNAL, 391, stanzas 1, 2, 4*
All sing together.

Collect of the Day

The Readings *All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.*

The Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Alleluia-Verse

Cantor *All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.

—Psalm 100:2c

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

John 10:11-18

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis

The Nicene Creed *Congregation standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia. The strife is o'er, the battle done HYMNAL, 208, stanzas 1-2, 4-5
All stand and sing together

Eucharistic Prayer B

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* All sing together HYMNAL, S 125

Hymnal "S"—numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.

The service continues on page 368 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer *All say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Celebrant: With the prayers of this congregation, we send you forth bearing this sacrament of Christ's presence, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

The people respond: because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer *All say together* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365

The Blessing

Final Hymn *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* HYMNAL, 708

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Gaudeamus* Rowley

All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.

Classes begin at 10 a.m.:

Christian Formation for children and youth;

Gospel & Breakfast with Young Adult Ministry and Parents of Little Ones in the Evans Room;

The Priest and Rabbi Class in McClintic Hall.



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Join us at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall

Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen continue to teach a class together. We will focus on the great stories of Judaism in the Book of Genesis. Sessions are recorded and posted to Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.

Those wishing to make offerings
by electronic transfer may use
this QR Code to do so:



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Office Hours – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday

CALVARY'S CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, <i>Rector</i>	Jon Tyillian, <i>Assistant Organist</i>
The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Lynda Kennedy, <i>Director of Finance</i>
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, <i>Deacon</i>	Vicki Rispoli, <i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, <i>Assisting Pastor</i>	Kenneth Smith, <i>Director of Communications</i>
The Rev. Carol Henley, <i>Assisting Priest</i>	Kim Pieratt, <i>Parish Administrator</i>
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, <i>Rabbi-in-Residence</i>	Jim Gubash, <i>Head Sexton</i>
Ms. Deanna Briody, <i>McNulty Intern</i>	Adam Augustine, Dontia James, Ron Johnston, Mary Ann Packer, Guy Tillman, <i>Sextons</i>
Dr. Alan Lewis, <i>Director of Music</i>	Vivian Rispoli, <i>A/V Technician</i>

– The Vestry –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jennifer De Rosa	Adam Bailey	David Riehl	John Allison
David Jeong	Kate Burroughs	Wendy Lomicka	Elaine Effort
Donald MacLeod, Jr.	Lucy Douglas	James Manning	Ian Everhart
Laura Marchl	Peter Lewis	Vanessa Sterling	Lisa Nevola
Sarah Wilson, <i>secretary</i>			

– The Parish Council –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jonathan Callard	Ann Augustine	Michele Bender	Charles R. Altman
Jean Carr	Mary Jane Bent	Sue DeWalt, <i>President</i>	Diana Page
Emma Schauf	Jeannine Farina	Stanley Nevola	Ray Richter
Anoo Verghis			

Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, jjensen@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Cameron Soulis, csoulis@calvarypgh.org
- Deacon Geoffrey Royce, groyce@calvarypgh.org
- Rabbi Aaron Bisno, aaron.b.bisno@gmail.com
- Deanna Briody, dbriody@calvarypgh.org



CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 21, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Parish Life

A Death in our Parish Family

Amidst the ever present hope of Christ's resurrection, it is with sadness that we share the news that longtime and faithful parishioner J. Lee O'Nan died on Sunday, April 14. A service honoring Lee will be held at Calvary on **Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m.** Please join us in holding his son, Stewart, his daughter-in-law, Trudy, and his other family and friends in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to your servant, Lee, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The 169th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

Election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council will take place and reports from the Wardens, Treasurer and others will be given. Please make every effort to attend.

Gospel and Breakfast (GAB): Sundays, in the Evans Room

This class is for young adults and parents of young children to meet for fellowship, light breakfast, and a discussion of the Gospel passage appointed for the day. We gather in the Evans Room on Sundays during the Christian Formation hour (10–10:45 a.m.). The nursery will be open at that time, or you can bring your little one(s) along if you prefer. Drop in whenever you can.

No prior knowledge needed. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123).

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer on Mondays and Thursdays will continue through the Easter season. We will meet each Monday and Thursday through May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. (The only exception is Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9, when Evensong will be offered at 7:30 p.m.). Please join us! Praying at certain points of the day has its origins in Judaism and was practiced in the early church and monastic traditions. Evening Prayer is derived from the monastic prayer services and is one of the Daily Offices found in our Book of Common Prayer.

The service of Evening Prayer is about 20 minutes long and includes Psalms, Scripture, and Prayers for the day (but no sermon or music). If you have questions or are interested in helping to lead this service, please contact Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) or Michael Salmon (oriolefish@gmail.com).

Prayer and Anointing for Healing on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Throughout the Easter season, we will offer healing prayer by anointing with oil and the laying on of hands during communion at the 11 a.m. service.

If you would like to receive this healing prayer, please come to the Lady Chapel after you receive communion. The priest who is distributing communion at the station by the pulpit will join you there to offer this healing prayer. In Easter, we will evaluate to see if we want to continue this practice.

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Coventry Circle selection for May is *The Marriage Portrait*. Author Maggie O'Farrell brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court. There is a 20% discount to all purchasers on the book designated for Coventry Circle.

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.

Food of the Month

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their wish list in April is peanut butter; in May, it's rice.** Of course, you may donate any nonperishable food item. Please leave your items in the shopping cart across from the reception desk. Thank you.

East Liberty Valley Historical Society talk

"The Legacy of George Westinghouse," 7 p.m. **Wednesday, May 1**, in the Parish Hall. In this illustrated talk, David Bear, founding president of The Westinghouse Legacy, provides an update on developments in Westinghouse Park, including its arboretum certification, the city's new master development plan, and an effort to archaeologically explore the historic site. He also will introduce a new project to honor and archive the Westinghouse legacy. *This talk is part of the East Liberty Valley Historical Society's Marilyn Evert Lecture Series.*

Notices for the Sunday service bulletin must be received
by the end of the day on Wednesday each week.
Please email your notice to calvary@calvarypgh.org

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

In Memory of In Honor of

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: (_____) _____-_____

Both geraniums will be planted in the Calvary garden.

Please mail to: Lynda Kennedy
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

*Please make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church and write
"Geraniums" on the memo line.*

Your donation of \$10 for the 2 red geraniums
is needed at Calvary by **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**
so we can place our order with the greenhouse.

Thank You!



A coming together event for all ages

FINISH LINE PARTY

Food, Fun, & Fascinators!

Sunday, May 5, 2024

**starts right after the 5 p.m.
Marathon Sunday Service**

Special Service Times on Marathon Sunday, May 5, 2024

Because the Pittsburgh Marathon route limits access to Calvary on May 5, we will have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist only at **8 a.m.** and **5 p.m.** The 5 p.m. service will be Livestreamed.

The Parish Council is hosting the second annual Finish Line Party **after the 5 p.m. May 5 Marathon Sunday service.** This party will provide a chance for parishioners from all services to meet and celebrate Calvary.

Activities for all ages will include:

- *Icebreaker BINGO
- *Selfie photo station with horse racing photo props
- *Make your own fascinator headpiece – *instructions and supplies provided*
- *Children's Noodle Race (swimming pool noodles decorated as horses)
- *Hat parade and contest (wear your favorite headwear – *creative, crazy, whatever!*)

We will ask folks to bring a cold appetizer for eight to share as we chat and play. **Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Parish Hall.**

The Calendar

Sunday April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

- 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation
- 10:00 A.M. Priest/Rabbi Class
- 10:00 A.M. Gospel and Breakfast (GAB)
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 A.M. Children's Liturgy
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday April 22, 2024

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- 5:00 P.M. Capital Campaign Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:15 P.M. Vestry Dinner
- 7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Contemplative Prayer

Tuesday April 23, 2024

Toyohiko Kagawa, Prophetic Witness, 1960

- 7:00 A.M. Primary Election Day Voting
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 P.M. Scout Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday April 24, 2024

- 9:00 A.M. Wednesday Workspace
- 10:00 A.M. ESL Conversation Class
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 P.M. Sacred Ground Level 2
- 6:00 P.M. Interlude Group

Thursday April 25, 2024

Saint Mark the Evangelist

- 5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:30 P.M. Julian of Norwich Reading Group
- 6:30 P.M. Mahjong
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Friday April 26, 2024

- 5:00 P.M. Dixon-Ernst/Nesbitt Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday April 27, 2024

Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271

- 4:00 P.M. Alix Dixon-Ernst / James Nesbitt Wedding

Sunday April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

- 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation
- 10:00 A.M. Priest/Rabbi Class
- 10:00 A.M. Gospel and Breakfast (GAB)
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Guest Preacher: the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden
- 11:00 A.M. Children's Liturgy
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 P.M. Phillips Baptism

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THE CALVARY
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

We are very pleased to report that the Capital Campaign currently has 88 pledges and one-time gifts totaling \$2,908,725 which is 49% of our \$6,000,000 goal. While this is great progress, we need to have many more members participate in the Campaign. In order to facilitate this, we are offering several opportunities to learn about the Campaign and make it easy to pledge. Please send an email to us at campaign@calvarypgh.org if you have any questions or would like to be contacted personally to discuss your participation in the campaign.

The Prayers of the People

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and
The Anglican Church of Australia.*

For the Episcopal Church, and for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

*For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak,
Bishop.*

*For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially St. Peter's Episcopal
Church, Blairsville, and the Rev. Joseph Baird.*

Let us pray for those serving in the armed forces:

Christine DeForest, Tres Mellor, Robert Weaver, Jon Danchik, Chris Claunch,
George Rossman, Brian Bongiovi, Lauren Laessig.

For those who are ill or convalescing:

Erica, Elise Power, Henry Albee, Jamie Rogers, Phyllis Ernst, Hattie Mauch,
Judith Baskin, ++Michael Curry, Jeff Arberman, James Knight, Roy Murphy,
Joan Rollins, Nancy Hudak, Janet, Josh Butler, Kate, Jean Oh, Andrea, Beth Gallis,
Thomas Gallagher, Daniel Perett, Janice Myers, Lucy Duffy, Earl,
Marilyn Devereaux, Pat, Judy, Shannon, Emily, Kristen, John Lovelace,
Erick Hoffman, Avianna Hoffman, Lori McCormick, Kelly Christner, Kam Murrin,
Charlie Auth, Don May, Thomas Moore, Charlie Quillin.

Let us remember those who continue in our prayers:

William Marchl+, Charles Mullen, David Rollins, Charlotta Ross, Mimi Dobby,
Holly Best, Marie Houston, Nikki Smith, Fairfax Seay, Paula King-Smith,
Phyllis Hickok, Mary Anne Marchl, Betty Howard, Richard Zack, Walter Bowman,
Stan Schoen, Doreen Putnam, Jean Carver, Diana Jannetta.

Let us pray for those who have been commended to our prayers:

Betty Shandor, Marjorie Wells, Linda Augustine, Sang Oh, Dorothy Tague, Tom Vig,
Heidi Murrin, Joachim Bielert, Marilyn Corstange, Gary McCann, Dave Bruton,
Alyson Holt, Debra Teton, Patricia, Carol Ann R., Jennifer S., Laura B., Patricia M.,
Marian G., Charles, Jeremiah McClung, Dave Arlotti, Mike, Ed Cohen, Carol, Hay-
den, Brian, Meredith G., Janie Leighton, Devlin Cato, Rebecca Rogovin, John,
Nancy, Steve, Ernie, Betsy Mastaglio, Jason Durand, Barbara G., Paul Thompson,
Lou and Nancy M., Cathie Keenan, Mary Kay D., Marsha Dilts, Eileen Simmons,
Al Churley, Barbara, Judy, Mark Steinberg, Michael C., Anthony, Helene Burke, Wal-
ter Simmons, Alex, Aster, Gail, Megan and Mike and family, Judy, Jill W. and chil-
dren, Katherine Plank, Marie Churley, April DeLucia, Stefania, Edward, Kathleen,
Joe Hardy, Cathy Rielly-Goddard, Avi and family, Lisa, Dena Gallagher and family,
Frankie Schell, Max and Leah Weiss, Mary G., Paul Marvy family, Arnold Shurkin,
Linda Almasy-Hohmann, David Hohmann, Marsha McElwain, Harry DeLuce, Chris
Chaney, Kristen, Annette Bowen, Stefan,
Denise Wolff Oetinger, John Rinozzi, Vincent Esposito, Katy Reeder, Allison,
Rita Rose, Kevin Ayala, John Prantikoff, Dawn Miller, Audrey, Denise Taylor.

For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.

For caregivers.

*For those who have died: Arthur Drickman (grandfather of choir member Sarah Nadler),
The Rev. Thomas E. Johnson (Co-Founder and Head of School Emeritus of
The Neighborhood Academy), Lee O'Nan.*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Marvin Patterson, by Linda Lewis.*

*Allison Shipley, loving mother of Nicholas and James Manning,
by members of her family.*

[To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please contact Kim Pieratt
at the church office: 412.661.0120, ext. 111; kpieratt@calvarypg.org]

Participants in Today's Services

8 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & PreacherThe Reverend Cameron J. Soulis
LectorWill Ruthrauff
Chalice BearerElizabeth Pentin

9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherThe Reverend Cameron J. Soulis
AssistingThe Reverend Geoffrey S. Royce
LectorThomas May
IntercessorJohn Allison
Chalice BearersElizabeth Slaymaker, Wendy Lomicka
UshersLea Carone, Lyn Orr

11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherThe Reverend Cameron J. Soulis
Children's LiturgyThe Reverend Geoffrey S. Royce
VergerFred Roth
LectorsMatthew Lancaster, Daniel Perett
IntercessorCeci Westbrook
AcolytesLily Arrington, Avery Podolinski, Quinton Bohna
Chalice BearersElaine Effort, Jon Mazur, Bonnie Weiss
UshersIan Everhart, Mike Kelly, Laura Marchl
Coffee Hour HostThe Annual Bazaar
Flower DeliveryKathy Deis, Maddy Stellfox

Guest Preacher

On **Sunday, April 28** at the 11 a.m. service, Calvary welcomes the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden, Bishop of West Virginia, to be our preacher. He was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia on March 12, 2022, and became Bishop Diocesan on October 14, 2022. After an early career as a college theater professor, he followed his joy to pursue ordained ministry and received his Master of Divinity degree at Virginia Theological Seminary. Bishop Cowden was ordained deacon and priest in 2006. He served parishes in the Dioceses of Virginia and Northern Indiana. Bishop Cowden is a friend and recent colleague of our former Associate Rector, the Rev. T.J. Freeman.



The Calvary Creation Care Committee

You are invited to a work day with Grounded Strategies on **Saturday, May 4** at 400 Sherwood Road, Wilkinsburg, 15221, from **9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** (lunch included). Activities include: Clean and stage outdoor spaces, Light fence line clean up, Minor outdoor prep items. Supplies will be included, but bring your outdoor tools if you like! Gloves, shovels, trowels, all the good stuff.



This event is organized by Grounded Strategies, a Pittsburgh nonprofit that cleans up vacant lots and updates community spaces in the community. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

[10:11-18]

Response before the Gospel: 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.”

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.