



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

May 11, 2025
5:00P.M.

***Welcome!** Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356

The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Duncan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

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.**

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Read responsively by half verse
Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not want.
- ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- ³ He restoreth my soul; *
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; *
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God



The Prayers of the People Form VI

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Anna's, New Orleans, Anna's Place, New Orleans, William H. Terry Chapel and Dodwell House Community Resource Center.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Sandra, Mikayla, Lawson, Ken, Lillian, and those on our prayer list.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially, Caroline, Maddy, Anna Katherine, and Olivia, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Rosemary Aileen Rieger and Madeline Coco Fontenot.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Durward Owen, Robert Herrington, and Carol Landry, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.