



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
26 April 2026**

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(currently on sabbatical)*

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Fourth Sunday of Easter!



Alleluia! Christ is risen. In this Easter season, we continue to live in the light and promise of the resurrection, gathering as God's people to be renewed in faith, hope, and love. On this Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - we hear in today's Gospel (John 10.1-10) the voice of Christ, who is both the Shepherd who calls us by name and the gate through whom we find life.

Jesus speaks of abundance: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." In a world that can feel crowded with competing voices, his words invite us to discern, to listen, and to trust the one who leads not by force, but by love.

As we gather in word and sacrament, we are drawn into that abundant life, nourished by grace and sent out to reflect the Shepherd's care in our own lives.

Let us open our hearts to his voice, and follow where he leads.

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We are grateful to The Rev'd Robert Stanier for leading our worship today.

***This act of worship is livestreamed on our Facebook page,
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St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.***

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The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.

Prelude

Prayer Rene Vierne

Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.

1 The day of resurrection!

**Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

ST JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c.675–750)
translated by JOHN MASON NEALE (1818–1866)
A&M 216

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A welcome is given by the presiding priest.

The Penitential Act

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest!**

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. Refrain

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life: raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness, that we may seek those
things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
(2.42–end).*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having

the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

*The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the choir, and the congregation are invited to join in with the sung **Response**.*

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**
- 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 shall be full. **R**
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter to Peter
(2.19-end).*

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering

unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

**he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:**

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

JOHN MACLEOD CAMPBELL CRUM (1872-1958)
A&M 212

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A seasonal sentence is sung

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10. 1-10).

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from

him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Please sit.

The 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Kneel to pray.

Lord, in your mercy *or*: Lord, hear us.
Hear our prayer *or* Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

The presiding priest prays.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

The peace of Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We greet each other with a sign of peace, and then sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;**

**and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

JOHN ERNEST BODE (1816–1874)
A&M 748

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Preparation of the Altar

The Offertory

The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

Please kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.* When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Divine, St Mathias, St Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen is sung.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, *we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Church of England welcomes baptised members of all Christian traditions to receive Communion. If it is your usual practice to

receive Communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion. If you would like to know more about Baptism or Confirmation, please do speak to the clergy.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing: You shall go out with joy Paul Spicer

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

The Dismissal

*We stand to sing our **Recessional Hymn.***

**1 All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**3 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who
from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
crown him Lord of all.**

**4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**6 Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

EDWARD PERRONET (1726–1792) and others

(OMITTING VERSES 2&5) A&M 223

The last lines of each verse repeat 'crown him' to match verse 1.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

God the Father; by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the

blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you this day and always.

Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



The Regina Caeli

*On Sundays we remain standing to sing the
Regina Caeli.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Let us pray:

O God who by the resurrection of your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to
the whole world, grant that through the help of his
Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of
everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Postlude
Menuetto-Impromptu John Ireland

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER OUR WORSHIP!