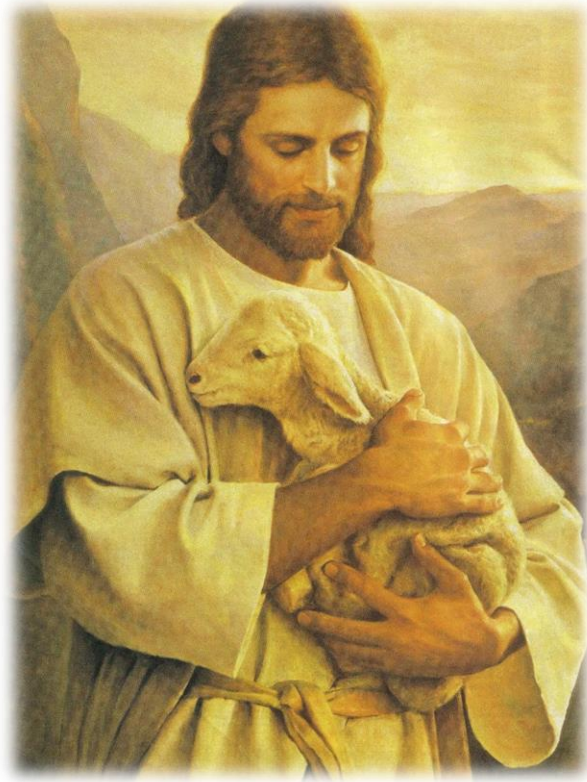


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

“Good Shepherd Sunday/ Earth Day”



April 21, 2024

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary of the Harbor
Provincetown

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Worship Guidance

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Other hymns are drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your bulletin), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS). Additional resources are taken from *Gather Comprehensive 2 (GC2)* and will be printed in the bulletin.

Hospitality after Sunday Service

Right after this service, a special brunch will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

Vestry Officers

Pat Penza, Senior Warden
John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden
John Loftin, Treasurer
Judy Dozois, Clerk

Vestry Members

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| Tim Brown | Harry Ellsworth |
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This Sunday's Leadership

Presider: The Rev. Brian Raiche
Deacon: The Rev. Bruce Mason
Organist: Bill Carlson
Crucifer: Tim Brown
Lector: Shawn Fiedler
Healer: Maghi Geary
Ushers: John Carroll and John Loftin
Altar Guild: John Carroll and John Loftin
Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Voluntary on St. Columba

Daniel Burton (b.1944)

The assembly is invited to be seated during the prelude and take a period of quiet reflection.

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal #405

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider: My friends, we rejoice in the creation of the world. God in his infinite compassion has lovingly formed our planet and all that live within it. He declared his creation good and entrusted us to care for it along with each other. Sometimes in our everyday lives, we forget our responsibility to care for nature. Today, as we reflect on the marvels and wonders of creation, let us renew our commitment as good stewards of the earth.

The Collect for Purity

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

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.**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23: King James Version

Read in unison

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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.

Second Reading: 1 John:3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

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Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: *John 10:11-18*

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769

Prayers of the People

From the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Presider: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant relationship with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral, soil, and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship among them that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially those on our parish prayer list, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or intemperate use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We remember Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Bobby Taylor, Chelsea Diaz, Michael, Daniel Inger, and all those listed on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips: (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We commend to your mercy all who have died. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially Tom Peters in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit. We pray: **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Presider: Lord, Creator of all living things, Help guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly, care for the earth you gave us, and make wise choices in our everyday living. We ask this through Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: **And also with you**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Commendation Prayer for Tom Peters

Prayer Shawl Blessing

May God's grace be upon these prayer shawls: warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May those who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Howard Helvey

Presentation of the Gifts **The King of Love** **Hymnal #645**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

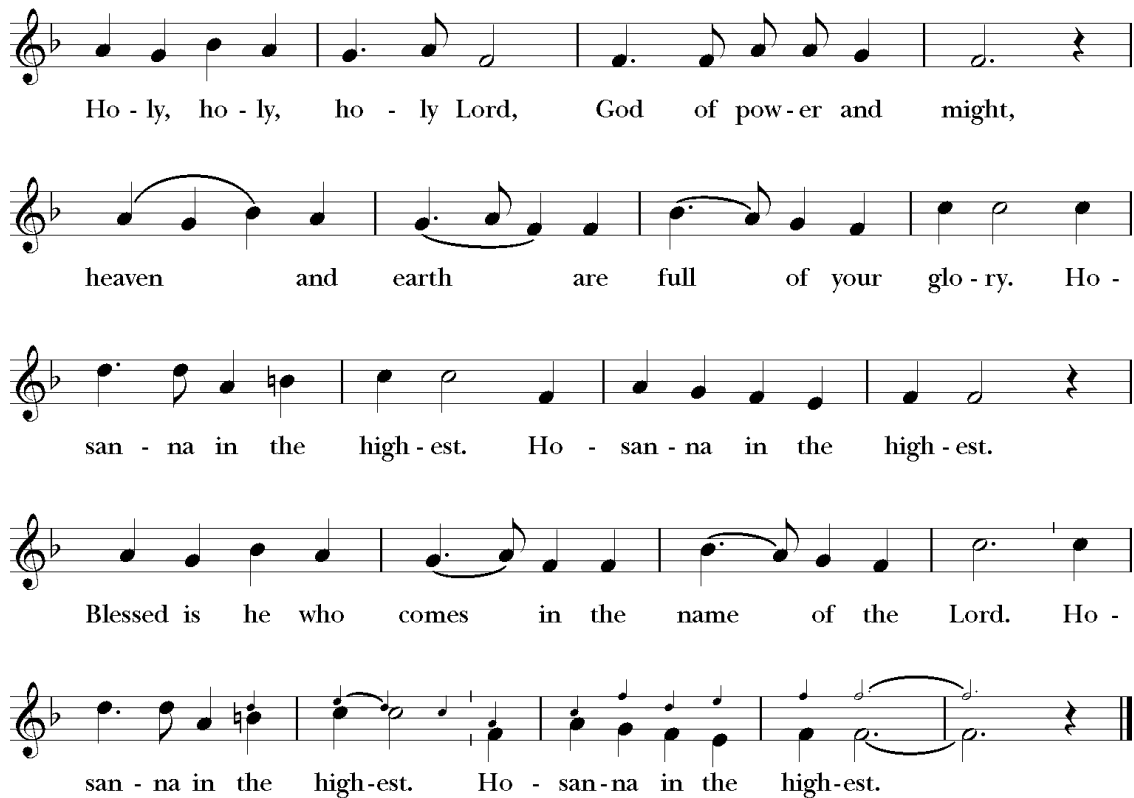
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, our Creator, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

Communion Hymn

Shepherd of Souls

Hymnal #343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray:

Please Stand

People: 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.

The Easter Blessing

Book of Occasional Services

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
 2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
 3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath;
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!
 He lives, to plead for me a - bove;
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
 He lives, my Sav - ior still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;
 He lives, my man - sion to pre - pare;
 What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
 He lives, to help in time of need.
 He lives, to bring me safe - ly there.
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in F

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-Coming Events at St. Mary's

- **Dana Faris Memorial** Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 AM
- **Bishop Election** Saturday, May 18th
- **Outer Cape Chorale** Saturday, May 18th at 5:00 PM
- Morning Prayer Friday, May 31st at 9:00 AM

REALM

We have recently implemented a new online member database: REALM. You may have noticed the logo on some of the e-mails sent from the parish. REALM will allow you to review your own parish account as well as connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. It also offers easy on-line giving.

Each registered household has received an invitation to join. Please login and update your contact information. You can even upload a photo for our online directly. Creating an account is optional. If you prefer not to participate, your status will not be affected. But give it a try!

Liturgical Ministry

If you would like to serve as Lector, Crucifer (cross) or Lay Eucharistic Minister, please see Tim Brown or Rev. Brian. We will offer training for those interested.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will celebrate a simple morning prayer at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 31st for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Coffee Hour to follow.

A.A. Support Groups

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

Strength for the Journey

As a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor, Our Strength for the Journey service is emailed through the country or we meet in person during the summer season. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

UU Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the "Little Free Pantry" hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. Please, no perishables, no glass containers and please check expiration dates.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for healing and comfort for:

Parishioners: Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Bobby Taylor, Chelsea Diaz, Michael

Family and Friends: Joan Russell, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford.

Sanctuary Lamp

Following ancient custom, the BCP provides that the consecrated bread and wine may be reserved for the communion of the sick or others who could not be present at the Eucharist. A lamp or candle burns nearby to announce the presence of the reserved sacrament. This light is known as a sanctuary lamp if the reservation is near the altar. Beginning this Lent, memorial opportunities will be available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.

TEXT to Give

Would you like to make a gift to support the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor? All you need is your phone! Text STMARYPTOWN to 73256, followed by your gift amount, to give online through text.

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