

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

at ten o'clock

*Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time*

Prelude: *Prelude on Richmond* (Hymn # 212, Awake, Arise) Healey Willan

**Hymn 304 – stz. 1-3** I come with joy to meet my Lord

Penitential Order **Prayer Book page 351**

**Hymn 304 – stz. 4-5** Together met, together bound

Collect and Scripture on insert Psalm 23 – **Prayer Book page 612**

**Hymn 518** **stz. 1 before & stz. 4 after the Gospel**

Sermon “Shepherded”

Christ our Passover **Prayer Book page 83**

Prayers of the People – Form 5 **Prayer Book page 389**

Collect for Wednesday in Easter Week, Blessings, and The Peace **Prayer Book page 223**

Announcements and Parish Celebrations Wardens and Parish Leaders

**Hymn 205 – stz. 1, 3, 5** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A **Prayer Book page 361**

*Sanctus and Benedictus* **Hymnal S-129**

During Communion: This is My Father's World Hymn #651

Thanksgiving after Communion **Prayer Book page 366**

**Hymn 645** The King of love my shepherd is

Postlude: *Christ ist erstanden* J. S. Bach

*Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall*

Sunday, April 29, 2012



Church of the Annunciation. Oradell, New Jersey

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**Welcome!** *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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## Prayers

**Special Intentions:** Laura Munson, Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag, Peter Grefrath, Barbara Maggio, Jeff Friedman.

**The Altar Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Harold C. Waddell & Dr. Ruth Waddell-Cathie by their children Jon & Kathryn.

**The Absent Guest Plate** is a second offering received at the choir steps each week. It is immediately given away for charitable purposes – today to **Starfish**, which provides transportation to medical appointments for seniors in Oradell and River Edge.

**Serving in the Military:** Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf.

## Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Eileen Clinch, Grace Oliff

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Dziemian Financial Steward: Rahul Dass

Acolytes: Skyler Olsen, Zachary Olsen

Handbells: Sam Wekselblatt, Ginny Baird

## Coming Parish Events

**Today** – 2012 first quarter statements are on the desk in the hall near the Center Street entrance. **Mon 07 May @ 7:30 pm** – Vestry Meeting.

## Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

5/2=Catherine of Siena

5/9=Dunstan of Canterbury

5/16=Pachomius

## Note about Today's Scripture Readings

This Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Each year we hear a part of Jesus' discourse on his relationship to us in the image of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep so much that he lays down his life for them. We are called by him into his life, the life which he has given for us.

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles continues the story of the first days of the Church. Peter and the other Apostles are on trial before the rulers of the people because in spite of being commanded to speak no more of Jesus, they had continued to preach and to heal in his name. Today we hear portion of Peter's response.

The reading today from 1<sup>st</sup> John tells us that as God's children we are to reveal God's love by living in love with all other people. That love is to be more than a kind feeling. We cannot claim to have God's love if we do not care for the needs of our poor and neglected brothers and sisters. Our identity now comes from God and our lives are to reflect God's own nature and love. How we live reveals our relationship to God.

Thus the description of the Church as the Body of Christ is not merely an analogy. It describes our life together as the embodiment of Christ's love and mercy toward all people. We are not only "the sheep of his pasture," but we are to shepherd all his people in his name.

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## Scripture Readings for the Next Three Sundays

5/6 Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

5/13 Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

5/20 Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26, Psalm 1, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

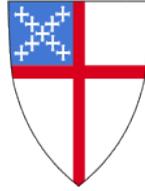
## Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7:30 pm

Wed 02 May – Jesus' Resurrection Appearances in Matthew

Wed 09 May – Jesus' resurrection Appearances in Mark

Wed 16 May – Jesus' Resurrection Appearances in Luke

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



### The Collect

**O God, your 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.**

### The Old Testament Lesson

**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.”

### The Response – in unison

**Psalm 23**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
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.  
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.  
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.**

**Psalm 23**

**King James Version**

**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.**

### The New Testament Lesson

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### The 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.”