

FOLLOWING A GOD I CAN'T SEE



The Fourth Week of Easter
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the Fourth Week of Easter, and during the six weeks of Eastertide you'll notice that our first scripture reading comes from the book of Acts. During the rest of the church year, the first reading comes from the Old Testament. So why this focus on the early days of the church? Traditionally, new converts to Christianity were baptized at Easter; hearing about the early church would help these new believers understand the work of the church in the world. For those of us who are not new converts, these readings in Acts remind us that we belong to the body of Christ and encourage us to witness to the kingdom of God initiated by Christ's death and resurrection.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

You may stand.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus, out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! hear the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Father Let Your Kingdom Come

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let Your kingdom come!

May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy.

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

You make all things new. You make all things new. In places we don't choose. You make all things new. Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: 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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 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.
- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL LUKE 24:13-34

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

²² "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb

early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

³² They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" ³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.



Following a God I Can't See Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

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THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and children's worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

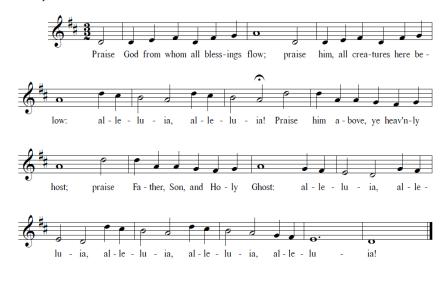
Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd. He goes before me. Defender behind me. I won't fear. I'm filled with anointing. My cup's overflowing. No weapon can harm me. I won't fear.

Hallelujah. I am not alone. He's my Comfort. Always holds me close.

He always guides me Through mountains and valleys. His joy is refreshing, Restores my soul. Mercy and goodness Give me assurance That I'll see His glory Face to face.

Your Spirit lives within me. So, I will walk in Your peace. Your Spirit lives within me. My vict'ry, my vict'ry. You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

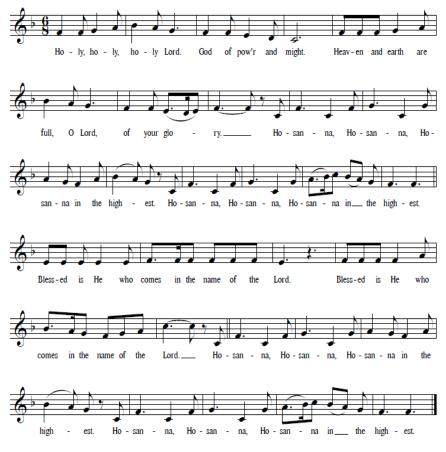
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come a - gain. Al - le - lu - ia.

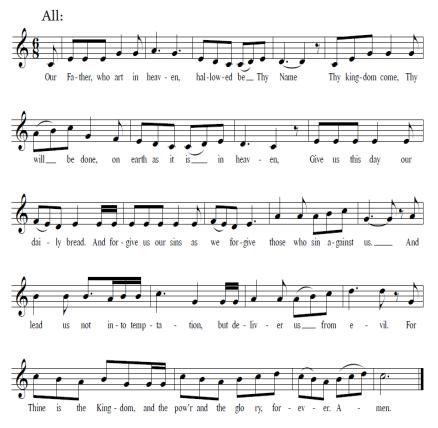
Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room.

If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister will be available on the pulpit side of the sanctuary

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue us from our sin? Oh, You rescue us from our sin.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne. Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

There's No One Like Jesus: Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe

There's no one, there's no one like Jesus. There's no one, there's no one like him. There's no one, there's no one like Jesus. There's no one, there's no one like him.

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe Hakuna Mungu kama we Hakuna Mungu kama wewe Hakuna na hatakuwepo

I've walked and walked all over, over. I turned and turned all over, over. I've searched and searched all over, over. There's no one, there's no one like him.

He came, He came humbly. He died for sin willingly. He rose on high eternally. There's no one, there's no one like Him.

Happy Day

The greatest day in history, Death is beaten, You have rescued me. Sing it out, Jesus is alive. The empty cross, the empty grave, Life eternal, You have won the day. Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

And oh, happy day, happy day You washed my sin away. Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same, Forever I am changed.

When I stand in that place Free at last, meeting face to face I am Yours, Jesus You are mine. Endless joy, perfect peace, Earthly pain finally will cease. Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Oh what a glorious day, What a glorious way That You have saved me. And oh what a glorious day, What a glorious name.

" Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" Text: W. Chatterton Dix; Tune: HYFRYDOL

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Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

Officiant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and

remain with you always.

You may be seated for announcements.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Journey Into Savior:

If you are new-ish to Savior, or want to learn more about the church and about Anglicanism, mark your calendars for our next "Journey into Savior" class. It will take place Tuesday, April 16, from 6-9pm, at Fr. Kevin and Mr. Karen's home. A pizza dinner will be served. Contact Fr. Kevin if you are interested in attending, or have questions!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth Group: We're ending the school year with a fun event on April 27th. Please note the change of date.

EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

April 6- Linda Richardson, "Antidote for Doubt"

April 13 - Bishop Brian Wallace, Psalm 131, "The Story, the Rest and the Hope of God"

April 20 - Kevin Miller, "Following a God I Can't See"

April 27- Karen Miller, "Staying Connected to Christ"

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