

**SAINT JOHN'S**  
The Episcopal Church in Pine Meadow  
**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

*Welcome to St John's Church, Pine Meadow.  
Today's service follows the Book of Common  
Prayer, Morning Prayer Rite II. Italics and all  
uppercase are directions or section notes, the  
congregation is invited to read aloud all bolded  
sections and to sing all the hymns with fearless joy!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE: 'Land of Rest' Trad. American Folk  
Melody; arr. L. Page

BELL

HYMN 304 vr 1,2,4,5 'I Come With Joy To Meet  
My Lord'

*The Officiant begins the service with this sentence  
of Scripture.*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with  
hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven  
itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our  
behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the  
presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to  
set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to  
ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those  
things that are necessary for our life and our  
salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in  
heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in  
silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by  
his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together,  
all kneeling*

**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.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*  
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our  
sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in  
all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand*

Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us  
adore him.

**Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*  
*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians*  
*15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and  
evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity  
and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die  
again; death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive  
to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, the first  
fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, by a man has  
come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Alleluia.**

*The Community sits*

*Lector:*

PSALM 23

A Reading from 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.**

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 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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Lector:*

ACTS 4:5-12

A Reading From Acts

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 Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Community stands*

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine,*

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Community sits*

*Lector:*

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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Community stands*

The Song of Mary *Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55*

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.**

**For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

**For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.**

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.**

**He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

**He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Community sits*

*Officiant*

JOHN 10:11-18

A reading from John

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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Kevin Case

HYMN 708 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

THE APOSTLES CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*The People stand or kneel*

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Intercessor:* SUFFRAGES

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;

**Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

Day by day we magnify thee;

**And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

**As our trust is in thee.**

O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

**Let me never be confounded.**

THE 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.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People may add their own petitions.*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Romans 1: 2:1*

HYMN 645 vr 1,2,5,6 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'

*A collection is taken for the work of the Church.*

Let us pray

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may

seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

HYMN 518 vr 1,2,4 'Christ Is made The Sure Foundation'

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** Alleluia, Alleluia

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

POSTLUDE: 'Allemande from Suite in C' Gottlieb Theophil Muffat