

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025 11:30 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria S280

BCP 355

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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died.

When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1 O God, you are my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.

2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
 and lead me beside still waters.

3 You revive my soul *
 and guide me along right pathways for the sake of
 your name.

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 God for ever.

The Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will
shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of
life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #691

My faith looks up to thee

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered

around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V

BCP 389

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP B)

BCP 367

Sanctus S128

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem S154

Communion of the People

Hymn 190

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn 492

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Carol Adams, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt, Delbert Hess, and Randy Maurer.

Flower & Plant Sale

We still have Hanging Basket and Flats of Flowers Available. These would make a great for Mother's Day When you don't know what to buy for Mom or Grandma.

Readers and Greeters — May-June 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

May 11 th	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
May 18 th	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella
May 25 th	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 1 st	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
June 8 th	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 15 th	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella
June 22 nd	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 29 th	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

May 11 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 18 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 25 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
June 1 st	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
June 8 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
June 15 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
June 22 nd	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
June 29 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

Potluck Lunch

Please join us on May 18th for our Potluck Lunch. Tina Grata is coordinating the luncheon, so if you can bring a Dish, please let her know at mtgrata@yahoo.com

Dolly has a New Address

Our Organist, Dolly Lopresti has a new address:
442 Fairway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Sunday: The Fourth Sunday After Easter

May 11th 11:30 am Holy Eucharist II
“Mother’s Day”

May 15th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

May 17th 9:00 am Spring Clean Up in the Courtyard

Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 18th 11:30 am Holy Eucharist II
Potluck Luncheon

May 20th 5:30 pm Calendar Meeting

May 22nd 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

11 May 2025

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Retired Clergy including the Very Rev. Canon John H. Park, the Rev. Deacon Lorena Ringle, the Rev. Deacon Sandra Ritchie, and the Rev Vincent Santiago

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Honor & Thanksgiving
For Our Living Mothers
&
In Loving Memory of
Our Deceased Mothers

In Loving Memory of
My Father, Holly Mack Bell
May 11, 2008
From Lisa Bell-Loncella

Next Week's Readings

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service*