

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #316

This is the hour of banquet and song

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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ
according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. William Geiger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V

BCP 389

Discernment Prayer:

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)
Sanctus S128

BCP 367

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem S154

Communion of the People

Hymn # 663

The Lord God my shepherd is

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn #645

The King of my love my shepherd is

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in 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. Cleanse 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 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:

Catherine McCloskey. Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, John Rogers, Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin.

Flower & Plant Sale

We still have Hanging Basket and Flats of Flowers Coupons for sale. These would make a thoughtful gift for Mother's Day when you don't know what to buy for Mom or Grandma.

Price for a Flat of 8 Packs is \$15.00

Price for a Hanging Basket or Pouch is \$20.00

Mother's Day is May 10!

Potluck Lunch

Please join us next Sunday, May 3rd 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

Readers and Greeters May 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell- Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

April 26th

Joann Lacko & Lisa Bell-Loncella

May 3rd

Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell

May 10th

Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry

May 17th

Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko

May 24th

Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi

May 31st

Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

April 26 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 3 rd	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
May 10 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
May 17 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 24 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 31 st	Jane & Jerry Srittmater

Thank You

A Special “Thank you” to the Rev. William Geiger, the Celebrant of this morning’s Holy Eucharist Service.

Sunday: The Fourth Sunday After Easter

April 26th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

May Worship Schedule

- May 3rd **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
10:00 am Morning Prayer Colleen Curry
Potluck Luncheon
- May 10th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Norm Erb-White
- May 17th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Norm Erb-White
- May 24th **Pentecost – Share the Feast**
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin
Services at St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset
- May 31st **Trinity Sunday – Share the Feast**
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin
Services at St. Mark’s, Johnstown

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Retired Clergy including the Very Rev. Dr. Patricia Carnahan,
The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker, the Rev. Jean Chess, the Rev.
Arthur Dilg, and the Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill.

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Jack Slater
Memorial Flowers

In Loving Memory of
Alfred Weaver Barratt & Marion Barratt
Memorial Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 1:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

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