

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

April 25, 2021 at 10:00 a. m.

Alleluia
Christ
is Risen

A decorative floral ornament with a central circular motif and several pointed, leaf-like petals extending outwards, positioned between the words 'Christ' and 'is Risen'.

*We welcome The Rev. Paul Tunkle
as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning.*

**The Holy Eucharist
Year B**

**St. Columba's Episcopal Church
Serving the Boothbay Region**

WELCOME!

This service is being held in compliance with CDC guidelines and the fire marshal's fire safety regulations. With 50% of "permitted occupancy" and the 6-foot distancing requirement, we have determined that the safe occupancy limit for St. Columba's at this stage is 44 persons.

GUIDELINES

To protect all of us, we will follow these guidelines:

- Well-fitting masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times.
- The 6-foot distancing rule will apply throughout the church.
- No close contact.
- Doors and windows will be open and should remain open
- Seats will be filled from the front of the Sanctuary to the back.
- We will keep a record of attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- If you want to wear your name tag, please take it from the board yourself, take it home, sanitize it and bring it back as needed.
- There will be NO SINGING.
- We will NOT pass an offering basket or plate. Please leave your offering in the basket provided in the Narthex.
- Following the service, the ushers will dismiss you from back to front. Please be patient, remain seated and, when prompted by an usher, exit quietly through the Narthex.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

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*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

First Reading Acts 4:5-12 *Please be seated*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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.

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

Psalm 23 *(said in unison)*

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 forever.***

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Churches.

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.

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

The Gospel John 10:11-18 *Please stand*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Paul Tunkle

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

*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.*

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons,
for Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Thomas our Bishop and Maria our Rector;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, and Janet our Governor,
for all who govern and hold authority, in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Greetings and Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s as (she/he/they) begin/s another year. Grant that (she/he/they) may grow in wisdom and grace, free of fear, and strengthen (his/her/their) trust in your goodness all the days of (his/her/their) life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; 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.

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

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

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 and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

(The bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Invitation to Communion *(All the baptized and those who seek a deeper union with Jesus Christ, are welcome to receive communion.)*

***The right side will go forward first, by row, as prompted by the ushers,
followed by the left side, by row, as prompted by the ushers.
After you receive your wafer, please move to the side
to remove your mask and consume The Host.
After replacing your mask,
please return to your seat by the side aisle.***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *Please stand*

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*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.*

Easter Blessing

May you find in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord, a companion for your journey, a sure ground for your hopes, the peace that passes understanding, and the joy that life is eternal; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Silent procession to outdoors and vehicles from back to front.
Please remain in your seat until prompted by an usher.*



***We are glad you came to worship with us
and hope you will return!***

Please note that United Thank Offering (UTO)
boxes are available for pickup in the vestibule at the church.



The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown - Bishop of The Diocese of Maine
The Rev. Maria J. Hoecker - Rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Tunkle
Eucharistic Minister: Ed Banning
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Ushers: Jim & Becky Singer
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