

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non Traditional Eucharist
April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Easter

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We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native siblings as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



Opening Song: This is the Day (Sung 2x)

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This is the Day, this is the Day
 That the Lord has made, that the Lord has
 made
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it
 This is the day that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day, this is the day
 That the Lord has made!



Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

Response: Let us bless God!

Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Response: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect *(Collect assigned or the day) Art: pixabay.com*

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 Jesus leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Reading, Psalm 23 *from Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*

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Reader (Lector): Please join in by reading the lines in bold.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

God provides everything I need.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

God leads me to good things because God is good.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

I do not need to be afraid; God is always with me.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

God's goodness and faithfulness will be with me always.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

I will be with God all of my life.

God is like a shepherd. I am like God's sheep.

We can trust God's love and care.

God is great, indeed!



Song: "Amen, Amen!" *Traditional spiritual adapted by John F. Wilson, 1970*

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AMEN, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

See the little baby,
Lying in the manger'
On Christmas morning

Jesus at the seashore
Preaching to the people
Healing all the sick ones
Jesus in the garden
praying to the Holy One
in deepest sorrow



Jesus died to save us
Jesus rose on Easter
Jesus lives forever!"

Hallelujah!
Jesus is my savior
For Jesus lives forever

Gospel Reading, John 10:1-10 *from the Common English Bible*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they

don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief

enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.



Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily/ Sharing Time

Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

For our loved ones ...
 For those who teach us...
 For those who lead us...
 For the sick and poor...
 For ourselves...



Special Blessings/ Prayers *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

- Family Ministry Meeting following worship
- First Sunday Life Together next week!

Offertory Music *(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)*

Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth “our island home.” You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That’s why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
 the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God’s church. Make us new people in Christ’s Spirit. By

Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus,

and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer) – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing *from Enriching our Worship 1*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Song: We are Marching in the Light of God

We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God
We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching Marching	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching Oooooo	We Are Living Living	We Are Moving Moving
We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living Oooooo	We Are Moving Oooooo
We Are Marching Marching	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
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We Are Marching Oooooo	We Are Living Oooooo	We Are Moving Oooooo

We Are Moving In The
Power Of God

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!