

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist

“Call Me  
By My  
Name”



**St. Michael's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!**

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

### **Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.**

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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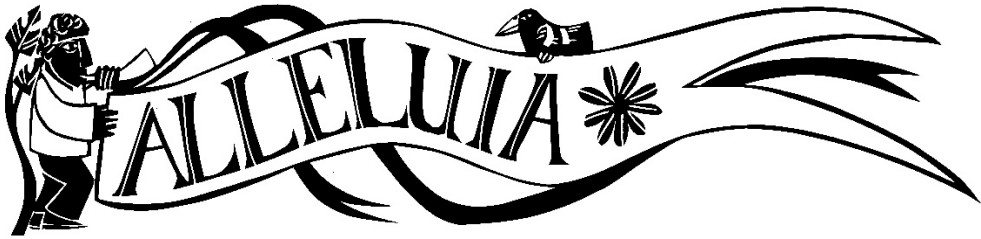
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“Hymnal” refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

### **About *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW)**

During the season of Easter we will be using the liturgical resources from *Enriching Our Worship*. This is a series of supplemental texts authorized by the Episcopal Church to expand and deepen our worship life. It offers inclusive and expansive language for prayers and rites, enriching our experience of God's presence and mystery. EOW is not intended to replace the Book of Common Prayer, but instead to augment and complement it.



## The Word of God

**Call to Worship**

*“All Are Welcome”*

Haugen

\* **Processional Song**

*“Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing”*

Hymnal # 334

\* **Opening Acclamation & Collect**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen

**People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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## \* Collect of the Day

Easter 4

Celebrant God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (change notes at the highlighted word; “|” indicates a break point to breathe)



The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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.

## Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

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.

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\* **Sequence Song**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Hymnal # 708

\* **Holy Gospel**

John 10:1-10

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

**People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\* **Nicene Creed**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, and who 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**

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People: 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;

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

We pray 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.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### \* **The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People      And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

- **Worship Committee, Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m.**
- **Music Practice:** Wednesdays at 6 pm. All are welcome. Come see what we will sing on Sunday.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Sacristy, Children's Ministry, etc?



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.



# The Holy Communion

Offertory

*"The Strife Is O'er"*

Hymnal # 208

\* **The Presentation**

*"Doxology"*

Hymnal # 380 v3



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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..

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

\* **Sanctus**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”*

Hymnal # S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the highest.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human,

to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

**All Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## \* The Lord's Prayer\*

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

**All** 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.

## \* El Padre Nuestro\*

Celebrante Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó.

**Todos** Padre Nuestro que estás en el Cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el Cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

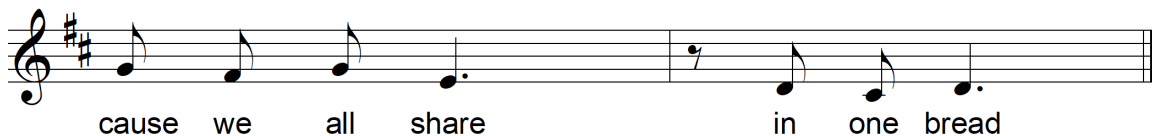
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

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\* During the Season of Easter, we are standing in solidarity with our Spanish-speaking neighbors by praying the Lord's Prayer in both English and Spanish. Participants are invited to pray aloud in one or both languages, as they feel led. We at St. Michael's are actively seeking additional ways to bless and minister to the Spanish-language community in the weeks and months to come.

## \* The Breaking of the Bread



Celebrant: 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.

## Communion Music

*“The King of Love”*

Hymnal # 645

## \* Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

\* Closing Hymn

*"I Come with Joy"*

Hymnal # 304

\* Dismissal

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People         Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

