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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 25, 2021

11:00 am

**RED LETTER**

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**CHALLENGE**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

***“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”***

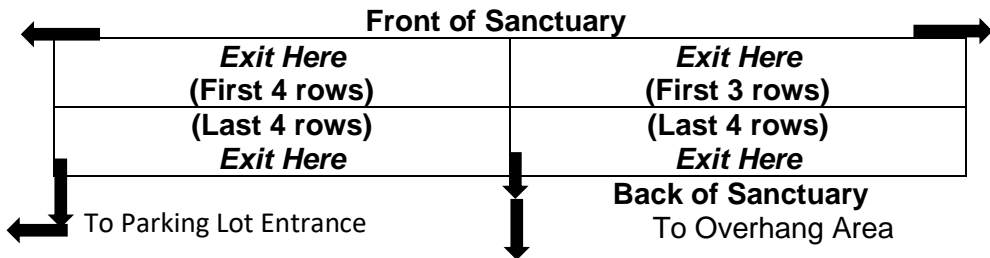
We accomplish this by:

**RELY**(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;  
**RESPOND** (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

### COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

Welcome to St. John! During these challenging times we have tried to create a worship experience that helps us worship in a safe manner and is considerate and loving of our fellow believers in Christ. We do ask that you adhere to a few guidelines that are in place for your safety as well as the safety of others around you. We ask, regardless of your opinion on these difficult issues, to follow the guidelines listed below:

- **Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building.**
- **Please wear a mask for your safety and others.**
- **Please stay socially distanced in your selection of seating and please allow room for others who arrive later, by moving toward the middle section of the pew.**
- **We ask that you don’t sing, but hum or mouth the words as they are sung by our music leaders. If you do want to sing, please wear your mask in consideration of others.**
- **For Holy Communion make sure your used all-in-one communion cup and any other trash is placed in your baggies and discarded in the trash can when you exit the building.**
- **Please adhere to our exit strategy below:**



Thank you for following these simple guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and your consideration of others as we navigate through these trying and difficult times.

### If You Are a Visitor:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily distribution of devotions and prayers from our Elders, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, we do have some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at [psrccosgrove@comcast.net](mailto:psrccosgrove@comcast.net).



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation stands*

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.

**P** He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**C** Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**C** We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.



**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**C** **As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**OPENING SONG**

"Holy Spirit"

*(words on screen)*

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Congregation is seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation is seated*

## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“Abide With Me”

*(words on screen)*

## **SERMON**

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“It Is Well”

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation stands*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## ✠ LORD'S SUPPER ✠

**PREFACE**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*(words on screen)*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(words on screen)*

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation is seated*

As the Pastor leads you, reveal each portion of the communion cup and partake of God's grace and forgiveness to you.

## ✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

*Congregation stands*

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

"You Never Let Go"

*(words on screen)*

**DISMISSAL**

*(words on screen)*

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** *Tab E. Cosgrove*  
**Director of Spiritual Growth:** *Denise Wright*  
**Audio/Visual Specialist:** *Mike Pearl*  
**Parish Administrator:** *Sherry Gable*  
**DSG Ministry Assistant:** *Chris Hanes*  
**Music:** *Brooke LaNasa*

**St John** Lives the  
**W.I.T.**  
**Principle**

*“Whatever It Takes” for the sake of God’s Kingdom!*

A note to our visitors:

If you would like to receive our church congregational emails, please provide the information below, tear off this page, and place it in the offering bin or leave it on the pew bench as you leave.

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