

# Welcome to Saint John's!

## Readings for the coming Sunday, April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8; Psalm 22:24-30

Coming up this week...

- Today: Fuel Sunday  
Coffee Hour, hosted by Sue Freer Gladding
- Wednesday: Bible Study – 10 a.m. in the Sunday School room  
Eucharist – 5 p.m.
- Friday: Bible Study – 10 a.m. in the church parlor
- Next Sunday: Mission Sunday
- Weekdays: Morning Prayer – 9:15 a.m. at St. John's or view  
on Facebook at [facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi)

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# Saint John's Episcopal Church, Delhi, NY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Processional: "He is Risen, He is Risen"	Hymnal 180
Opening Prayers	BCP p. 355
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S280
Collect of the Day	Bulletin p. 2
First Reading: Acts 4:5-12	
Psalm 23	
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24	
Gospel Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	Hymnal 645
The Gospel: John 10:11-18	
Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 358
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Offertory Hymn: "Shepherd of Souls"	Hymnal 343
<i>Doxology</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S164
Communion Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life"	Hymnal 306
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
Recessional: "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"	Hymnal 193

The Dismissal

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Opening Hymn Hymnal 180  
Opening Prayers BCP (red book) p. 355  
Please sing the *Gloria* Hymnal S280

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### *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.**

*Please be seated for the reading of God's word.*

### *First Reading*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen.”**

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
Please sing the <i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S130
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP p. 364
Please sing the <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S164

### **Communion**

***All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. If you prefer not to receive, please stand or kneel with your arms crossed and you will receive a blessing.***

Communion Hymn	Hymnal 335
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	Hymnal 193
Closing Hymn	

The Dismissal – people’s response: ***“Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!”***

***Please stay after the service for coffee hour!***

*Let us pray together 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.**

### ***Second reading***

A reading from first letter of John

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.

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

*Please stand for the Gospel Hymn*

Celebration 465

## The Gospel

*please remain standing*

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

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

## The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of all God's children in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop, Art and Nancy our priests, and all clergy, that we may give bold witness to Jesus the source of life and salvation. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we who are known by Christ, may gladly welcome into this flock all who will listen to the Lord's voice. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are searching, that they may encounter life and wholeness, and so find the shepherd who searches and cares for them. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Joseph our president, Kathleen our governor, and the leaders of the nations, that they seek peace and serve the common good with wisdom, equity, and compassion. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For all those who live daily in the shadows of fear, injustice, and oppression, that they may come in and go out securely and find safe pasture. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, . . . . ., that they may be strengthened by the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . ., that they may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

*Celebrant* God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, hear our prayers, give us the cup of salvation to drink and keep us always in the fold of your divine love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

Confession

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 343

*Doxology*