

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## 7:45 am Service • Holy Eucharist Rite I

*The Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the pew rack.*

### The Word of God

#### Greetings and Announcements

**The Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

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**Lord Have Mercy Upon Us**

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**Glory Be to God on High**

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**The Collect of the Day**

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**The First Lesson**

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**The Psalm** (*said in unison*)

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**The Epistle**

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**The Gospel**

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**The Sermon**

Father Jim Dorn

**A Moment of Silence**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

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**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### The Offertory

**The Offertory Prayer** (*said by all*)

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I**

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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#### Administration of Communion

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors** (*said by all when needed*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

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**Blessing**

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**Dismissal**

*Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.*

## **The Collect**

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.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Acts 2:42-47**

Reader            A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They 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.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23**

**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 forever.**

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Peter 2:19-25**

Reader            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.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

### **John 10:1-10**

Priest            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.”

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

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