

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*  
*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*  
*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Hymn**

*All people that on earth do dwell*

Hymnal 377

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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**The Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Collect for Purity* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Gloria*

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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. The children depart for Sunday School.*

## The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs.

All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## The Psalm

*Psalm 23*

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- 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.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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                         **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

*Celtic alleluia*

Gather 204

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Verse by Cantor*)  
*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

*Celtic Alleluia Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence*

## The Nicene Creed

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**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he  
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us,  
let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world, saying, Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For peace from on high and for our salvation.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering; for those who seek God, and those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; for the retired priests, and deacons; all who serve you in the church; for every member of this parish and all the holy people of God as they minister and serve in our church, our work, our community, and in the world around us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love; the beauty and wonder of your creation and all the joys, challenges and love which surround us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our many blessings: our families, our homes, schools, community and church; for the strength and desire to reach out to be a blessing as we love, care for, and help our neighbors near and far,

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all who grieve, as they find your presence with them in the difficult as well as the joyful times of their lives.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For freeing us from our sins by the life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering St. Paul, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*All*     **O God of love and mercy, move our hearts to seek you above all things, and to find you around us, surrounding us and all your creation with your love, peace and joy. For all your love and mercy, we give you unending thanks and praise, O Lord our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings and Celebrations of Life*  
*Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for Microfinance loans for people in need throughout the world.*

## The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory *My shepherd will supply my need*

Choir

The Doxology

Celebration Setting

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.** (*Sing 3 times*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem** 8:00: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; S 154  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*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.

*All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **The Communion Hymns**

*The King of love*

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982*

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1845), alt. Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. CCLI 2949699  
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**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Easter Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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*Deacon and Children* [Dismissal]

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Servers This Morning:***

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;*

*Acolyte: Brandon Adams; Worship Leader: Don Dickinson; Eucharist Minister: Marilyn Roth; Lector: Anne Frazier;*

*Prayers of the People: Verna Browne, Pam Miller; Altar Guild: Kaethe Worcester, Janet Mabrey;*

*Altar Bread: Lynne Gill; Sunday School: Robert Kirby; Coffee Hour: Skip and Carol Fisher;*

*Greeters: Phil and Jan Swartz; Choir Leader: Lloyd Walworth; Pianist: Rule Beasley.*

***Today's flowers are given by Shirley Bjelland  
in celebration of Pat and Nick's Birthdays.***

**PLEASE PRAY:**

For Gwen Lowe, Cary and MaryEllen Lowe and family, Susan Erikson, Emma and family; Lloyd Walworth, Lida Beasley, Caroline and Dale, Doris, Jan Copeland, Mark Nelson, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt; Mark Braverman, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and the people of the Middle East; Fr. Noe Bernier, *L'Eglise d'Espirit*, and the people of Haiti; Fr. Daniel Kuot and the people of The Sudan; New Orleans and the Diocese of Louisiana.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

## CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek
Wednesday	AA Meeting	7:00 pm TH
	Knitters	6:30 pm - 8 pm L
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon
	Al-anon Meeting	12:30 pm Tayler Hall

***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:***  
***Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;***  
***Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NEXT SUNDAY**, May 2, will be a special Eucharist Service, and we hope you will be able to come and enjoy it. The liturgy will incorporate the 12 Steps of AA programs, and you will see how beautifully they integrate with our traditional Eucharist Service. Robert Thompson, St. Mark's Hood River, will be here to preach, so the service and day promise to be quite special. This would be an excellent time to invite any friends or family who you think might enjoy this very special service.

**NORCOR GUEST SPEAKER AND TEACHER** Phil Brady will be at First United Methodist Church located at 305 E 11<sup>th</sup> ST., The Dalles, on 04/27/10, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The presentation will be regarding a day in the life of a student at NORCOR. A short business meeting will precede the speaker and light snacks will be provided. This is sponsored by Fellowship of Churches.

**RAGDOLLS TO LOVE: Thanks to all who have made ragdolls** to send to children in Haiti! See them in the narthex~ aren't they wonderful! On Pentecost, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** St. Paul's is the sponsor for the home being built for Janeal Booren. We hope to begin soon, so keep on alert!

**BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS** meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way.

Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world;

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS** to Skip and Carol Fisher for today's Coffee Hour!

***HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED EASTERTIDE!!!***