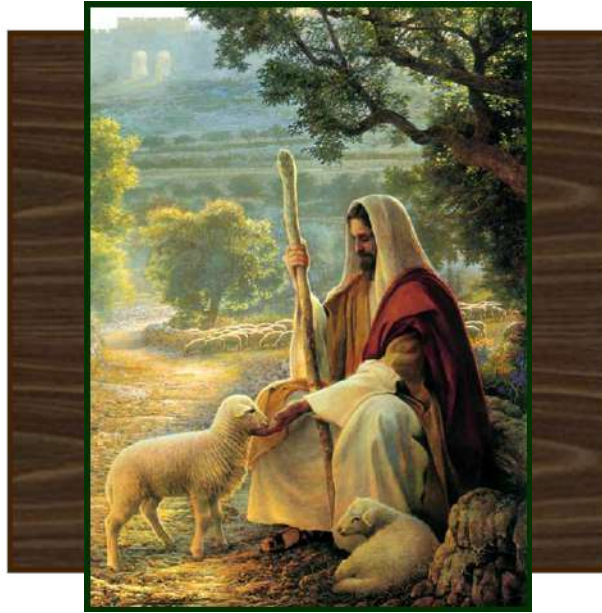


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The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Thomas Mellan, Organist
Marilyn Scranton, Handbell Director

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude _____ Thomas Mellan

Processional Hymn 205 _____ *Gelobt sei Gott*
"Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria (Pew Card) _____ Tuuk

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.**

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12 _____ Lynn Colley

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* ~ Said by congregation

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.

6 Surely 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 Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 Frank Boyd

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 645 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

St Columba

“The King of love my shepherd is”

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Rev. Susan Scranton

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

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV (BCP p. 388)

Miles Bresee

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

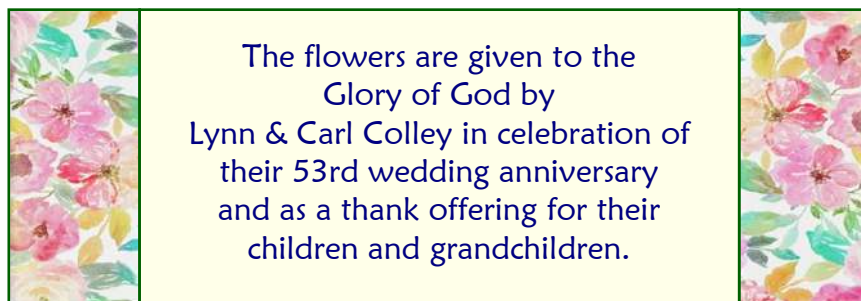
The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Henry Purcell

“Sing for Joy”
Grace Parish Choir

<u>Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3</u>	<u>Old 100th</u>
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”	
Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361
<u>Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card)</u>	<u>Tuuk</u>
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
<u>Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Pew Card)</u>	<u>Proulx</u>
Invitation to Communion	BCP p. 364
<i>(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)</i>	
<u>Communion Hymn 343</u>	<u>St. Agnes</u>
“Shepherd of souls”	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
<u>Recessional Hymn 708</u>	<u>Sicilian Mariners</u>
“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”	
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366
<u>Postlude</u>	<u>Thomas Mellan</u>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study Note: Bible Study will be on hiatus for next Wednesday. We will meet again on Wednesday, May 1 at 10:00 AM. Please read the entirety of 1 John.

Glendora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast ~ Wednesday, April 24 @ 7:00 AM

The annual Glendora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, as sponsored by the Glendora Ministerial Association (I'm treasurer), will host this year's breakfast at the Glendora Country Club. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and pray for the city and its citizens in a festive manner while enjoying good music (the GEC Handbell quartet is playing), prayer and a guest speaker. This year's featured speaker is Olympian Bryan Clay. Tickets are \$40. You can purchase them directly from me or go online through the Glendora Chamber of Commerce: www.GlendoraMayorsPB.com



Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2024

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
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Thank you!

Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Miles Bresee
Lectors..... Lynn Colley, Frank Boyd, Miles Bresee
Acolytes..... Karen Williamson, Elizabeth Anders, Amelie Palpant
Choirmaster David Aldrete
OrganistThomas Mellan
Flower Guild..... Nancy Rice, Liz Sandona
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Carl Colley, Alex McKenzie
Stream Team Ethan Seielstad, Mizuki Williamson
Vestry Person of the Week Kathi Ferris



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Jimmy, Michele Woods, Betty Eckstein, Kelli Grace Kurtz, Doug Jones, Marilyn Scranton, Joe and Bea Martinez, Becki Potter, David & Dominick, Davila, Joe Goetz, Edie Noland, Tamara Collins, Francisco Ortego, Sheila Tierney, Marie, Judy, Pam Bryant, Bill McKeithen, Larry Lucas

For those who have died: Janice Blackwill

For those in mourning: Susan Sherman, The Blackwill Family

For strength & guidance: Kayla St. Onge, Audra Montoya, Chelsea & Mike

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 – Michael Moore	6 – Karen Williamson	15 – Katherine Rice
3 - Everleigh Stone	8 – Laurel McKenzie	18 – Sherry McKeithen
4 – April Moore	10 – Marilyn Scranton	28 – Matthew Young
4 – Stephen Rice	11 – Donna McAlmond	29 – Rose Grady Daley
5 – Randy Lakin	13 – Sonja Lakin	29 - Melissa Klinski

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn and Carl Colley – 3