

# Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Note: There is no service music at the 8:00 am service

# The Holy Eucharist

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Prelude: "Le Bon Pasteur" Dom Paul Bendit

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" St. Agnes Hymnal 343

### The Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

### Glory to God - Hymnal S280

*The following hymn is said or sung, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his 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.*

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

### The Lessons *(The people sit.)*

#### Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized 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 *Dominus regit me***

- 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.

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

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.*

**Gradual Hymn: "My Shepherd will supply my need"      Resignation      Hymnal 644**

**THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (*The People Stand*)**

*Deacon*      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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** — The Reverend James P Stevenson

**The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)**

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 (Form III)** *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, Maribeth, Jane, George, Heather, Mark, and Dave.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin** *(people remain kneeling)*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest, stands and says* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *(All stand.)*

*The Celebrant says to the people* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

Organ Offertory: "Chorale and Alleluia" Gilbert M. Martin

**Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3**

**The Great Thanksgiving**—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 130**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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 of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,  
*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

### **The Fraction Anthem—LEV 155**

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.  
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Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen  
Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen.

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation* 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 baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion***

**Post Communion Hymn: “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace” verses 1,4**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.  
*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Closing Hymn: "Before the Lord's eternal throne"      Winchester New      Hymnal 391**

Postlude:      "Psalm 23"      Adrian Kousemaker

*The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God.*

## This Morning's Ministers

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<b>Celebrant / Preacher</b>	The Reverend James P Stevenson
<b>Deacon</b>	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
<b>Organist</b>	Earl Orcutt
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tara Gwilliam, Kelly Jacobs, Dominic Wright
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Sutton
<b>Intercessor</b>	David Wright
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Chris Sutton
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	Trish Wright, George Yatsko
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Sheehan, Megan Palmer, Grace Goeringer
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	David Wright

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 13, 2008 ✦ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
  - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn (“*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*”) is also located in the pew rack.
  - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

**“WOOD” YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT?** The Vestry has approved the construction of a closet in the Parish Office. We are asking for people to purchase, through the church, the materials needed (example 1 piece of drywall for \$6.00, 2 are needed). All of the labor is being donated. More information is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Commission has scheduled the Annual Spring Clean-up for Saturday April 26 (rain-date May 3). Helpers of all ages are needed!! For more information please see George Yatsko.



**U2CHARIST** We are pleased to announce that our second U2 Eucharist will be held on **Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm.** What is a U2charist?? It is an Episcopal Eucharist which incorporates the music of the rock band U2 to bring awareness to the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals and ways in which we can support them. Much more information will follow, but please mark your calendars now and spread the word!!

**iPod RAFFLE** The Youth / Sunday School is raffling off an 8gb Apple ipod, valued at \$199. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.00. All proceeds will be donated in support of the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals. The winner will be selected at random following the U2charist on May 10. Please consider taking a few tickets to sell to family and friends!

**PRINCE OF PEACE E-NEWS** In effort to improve communications, we are trying something new. The office will be sending an electronic newsletter about once a week (more or less often as necessary). If you were already on our email list then you were automatically subscribed to this newsletter and should have received the first issue on Friday. If you would like to sign up to receive this newsletter you can either contact Jennifer Martin in the Parish Office OR visit our website, a subscription box is located near the bottom of the Home page. (Please note: feedback on this project would be greatly appreciated—Jennifer)

**“THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING”** Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service we will offer “The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing” during communion.



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The Gospels tell us that in most of the “healing miracles” He performed, Jesus touched those whom He healed. Yes, there were cases where healed people “from a distance”, without touching them. But in most cases he touched them. Our Christian faith teaches us we His followers are to continue His healing ministry. We are to “hold the sick up before Him by names in our prayers” and we are to touch them.

We know from experience that there is healing power in the human touch. No doubt, we can all think of times in our lives when we have been healed, in part at least, by the touch of another person, and of other times when we have helped heal others by touching.

So, during communion, Chris Sutton will be at the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font to offer the Laying-On-Of Hands for Healing. You are invited to go to her, either before or after you have received communion. Tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

Please note four things. First, this is something you are “invited” not “required” to do. Second, even if you do not need to be healed, you are invited “to bring a friend or loved one” to Chris, simply by telling her the person’s name. Third, understand that the healing the Lord gives you may be either instantaneous or gradual. Finally, understand that the Lord, out of his loves for you will give you the kind of healing He thinks you need most, which may or may not be the kind of healing you think you most want. But the Lord will make His healing presence know to your in your life in some way. - Fr. Jim

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Education

10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)

10am Sunday School

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Church School**, this morning 10:00 am service
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 am.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, April 17, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Senior Choir Practice**, Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, April 18, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...**St Vincent De'Paul Soup Kitchen**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday April 27, following the 10 am service.
- ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 pm (note time!)
- ...**U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
- ...**Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
- ...**Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.

**If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office  
with the details!**