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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

8:30am



Welcome to St. Laurence

Worshipping God in the Anglican Tradition Since 1951

Visitors

If you're new with us, we're so glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card and let us know a little bit about you and if we can provide you with any information about us. Just drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. If our service is a little different than what you are used to, we encourage you to participate without any concern for doing things "the right way." We sit, stand and kneel a lot but you can follow along in this bulletin. We want you to feel comfortable and welcome here.

Children

Your children are welcomed and loved here. We have many families with children of all ages so your kids will make friends quickly. If you prefer that they stay with you in Church, please do so. The voices of small children are always welcome!

We offer both a nursery and Children's Chapel. Our nursery is in the Parish Hall, the building to the north of the Church. Children 5 and under are welcome during the service and Sunday School time. Children's Chapel is a worship service just for kids age 8 and younger. Children start in the big Church with their parents and then when called, follow the cross to a service just for them in the Parish Hall. They will re-join their families in time for Holy Communion.

Who We Are

We are a Christ-centered, liturgical Church, in the catholic tradition of Anglicanism. We are in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, serving under Bishop Ryan Reed, in the Anglican Church in North America. Want to learn more? Check out our website at saintlaurencechurch.org.

For Those With Disabilities

Hearing assistant devices are available in the Church Narthex. If you or a loved one need any accommodations that we can make for you to be able to participate in our worship service, please let us know at office@saintlaurencechurch.org.

How to Plug In

If you'd like to plug into the many ministry and fellowship activities available at St. Laurence, you may scan the QR codes to:

- Sign up to receive our emails



- Learn more about ministry and fellowship groups



Preparation for Worship

We encourage all to have a time of prayer and preparation before the service begins. Chatting with friends is best saved for after the service. Consider this prayer before the service begins:

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your divine mysteries. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Voluntary in A Major
John Stanley

Regina Coeli (Stand)

Entrance

Hymn 518

The Liturgy Of The Word

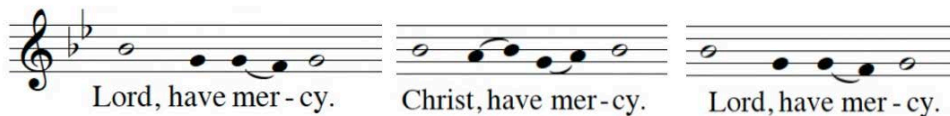
The Acclamation

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 123

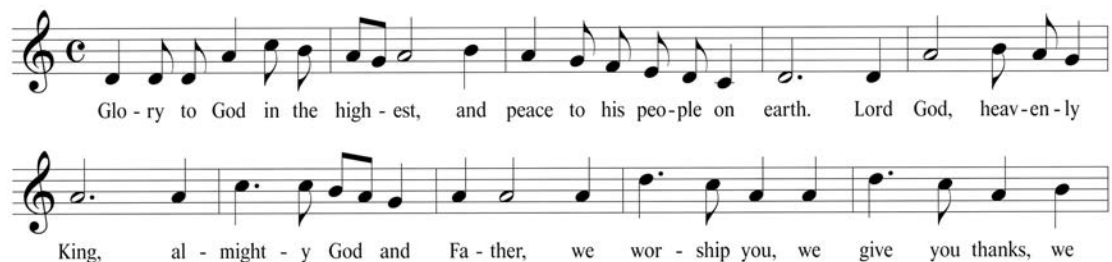
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Kyrie



Gloria



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praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are — seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive our
pray'r. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.

Children's Chapel Procession

First Reading (Sit)**Acts 4:23-37**

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23**

- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; *
 therefore I can lack / nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in green / pastures *
 and lead me forth beside the waters of / comfort.

- 3 He shall refresh my / soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his / Name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil, *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff / comfort me.
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be / full.
- 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

I John 3:1-10

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence (Stand)

Hymn 343

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

In - scribe these words in my heart, as with fire. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Homily (Sit)

Fr. Jordan

The Nicene Creed (Stand) 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 126

Celebrant and People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 128

The Reader will now read the prayers. After each prayer is the following response:

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Confession (Kneel)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 129

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Deacon 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace (Stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

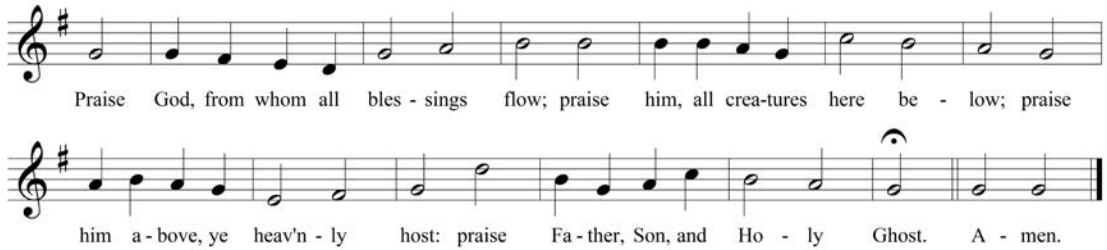
The Liturgy Of The Altar

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Edward C. Bairstow
St. Laurence Schola Cantorum

*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 O 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.*

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132

- Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Prayer of Consecration (Kneel)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People: 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

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 135

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Post Communion Prayer (Kneel) 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 137

Celebrant and People: Heavenly Father, 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.

At the conclusion of the Post Communion Prayer, Fr. Jordan will lead the congregation in procession to the parking lot north of the current Parish Hall for our Rooted in Prayer Kick Off Event.

Please wait in your pew until an usher dismisses you to join the procession. Be sure to get a special bulletin for the Prayer Kick Off Event from an usher.



Capital Campaign Prayer

Please join us in prayer about our expansion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing our St. Laurence family.
We come to you with grateful hearts asking for your guidance in all
of the details of this capital campaign.

Remind us to seek you first before every decision is made.

Give us a spirit of unity and generous hearts.

Direct us to build up your church staying rooted in the Truth.

Expand these walls so that they may honor you,
and bring others to know you and love you.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Worship Schedule

Daily Mass

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45am
Monday	9:30am
Tuesday	9:30am
Wednesday	6:30pm
Thursday	12:10pm
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	9:30am

Morning Prayer

Sunday	7:45am
Monday-Saturday	9:00am

Evening Prayer

Sunday	
Evensong & Benediction	5:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

Confessions

Saturday	10:00am
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Activities for Week of April 21

Sun, April 21	Rooted in Prayer Kickoff Event	9:50am
	Gainesville State School Ministry	12:00pm
	High School Youth Group	12:15pm
	God Squad	3:30pm
	Diocesan Youth Event	4:00pm
	Anglican Essentials	5:45pm
Mon, April 22	Sacred Arts Icon Class	10:00am
Tues, April 23	Parent's Day Out	9:00am
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:00am
	St. Laurence Women's Group	6:30pm
Wed, April 24	Middle School Youth Group	6:00pm
	Canterbury Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
	St. Laurence Chorale Rehearsal	7:30pm
Thurs, April 25	Parent's Day Out	9:00am
Fri, April 26	Men's Bible Study	6:30am
Sat, April 27	XYZ Group Lunch	2:00pm
	Young Adult Group	3:00pm

Announcements

Worship

Bishop Reed Here and Confirmations Next Sunday. Bishop Reed will be here at both morning services next Sun, April 28 and will administer the rite of Confirmation at the 10:45am service. Please join us in the Parish Hall between the services for a reception honoring the Bishop. He will join us there for a short time before going to meet with the confirmands.

National Day of Prayer Event - May 2. Come support our youth at this year's National Day of Prayer Event on Thurs, May 2 at 6:00pm at the Southlake Town Square Gazebo. This wonderful community event brings the churches of the city together, with youth from each of the participating churches leading the worship. Several of our youth will be taking part and we would love for there to be a huge crowd from St. Laurence.

Capital Campaign

Rooted in Prayer Kick Off Event - Today. Join us for a Prayer Walk for the Expansion today between the services at 9:30am. We'll encircle the footprint of where the new Parish Hall will be built and Fr. Jordan will lead the entire Parish in prayer and song, giving thanks to God for the blessing of this land and the new building to come. Those at the first service, will process together to the site of the new building (the north side of the current Parish Hall) and be joined by those coming early for the second service.

24 Hour Praying Without Ceasing for the Capital Campaign. To continue our theme of praying for the land and the campaign, we will be praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:7) for 24 hours following the Prayer Walk on April 21. Our goal is for the Parish family to pray in 30 minute increments at your home or wherever you are. Please sign up on the boards in the narthex for a 30 minute time slot.

Parish Family Field Day & Campaign Update - April 28. Join us next Sun, April 28 at 12:15pm after the late service for a very special Family Field Day and lunch in celebration of the Capital Campaign. This St. Laurence Day type picnic has something for everyone of all ages. We'll be in the back parking lot and field behind the office so bring your folding chair and join us for a whole lotta fun!

- Lunch provided
- Burgers and Dogs grilled by the St. Larry's BBQ guys
- Classic Field Day Games for All Ages
- Live Band
- Ice Cream Truck
- Pickle Ball Tournament on the parking lot
- Corn Hole Tournament on the grass
- Tonic tasting table (BYOB)
- Campaign Progress Update

We've been prayerfully working hard and making big decisions with God's help, so let's relax and have fun together as a Parish Family!

Service

The Gainesville State School Visit is Today. Please send your prayers with all those ministering today to the boys at the Gainesville State School.

Toilet Tissue Sunday is Next Sunday. Please bring all the toilet tissue you can to the red wagon in front of the Church next Sunday and we will get it to GRACE. Thank you.

Youth

High School Youth Group (9-12th grade) will meet in the Youth Room today from 12:15-1:45 to finish prep work for the upcoming Capital Campaign Family Field Day event. Lunch will be served. Please contact Katie LaPenna at katielapenna@gmail.com.

Middle School Youth Group (6-8th grade) will meet on Wed, April 24 at 6:00pm for dinner in the Parish Hall, and then Mass in the Chapel. After Mass, we'll have a special "church tour" led by Fr. Matt, who will teach us about the various elements in the Church, what they mean, why we have them and how they tie us to the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. We will finish at 8:00pm. Please contact Katie LaPenna at katielapenna@gmail.com for more info.

Diocesan Youth Event - Today. All 6th-12th graders are invited to the Diocesan Youth Event today at Free Play in Arlington (400 E South St, Arlington) from 4:00-6:00pm. Come for games, fun, fellowship and light bites. Cost is \$12 + tax at the door. Parents are responsible for getting their youth to and from the event. Please contact Katie LaPenna at katielapenna@gmail.com for more info.

God Squad - Today. The God Squad is celebrating with their year-end party today from 3:30-5:00pm in the Youth Room. They will wield the full Armor of God and know how to use it! Contact Hilary Hale at stlaurencechildren@gmail.com for more info.

VBS Registration Now Open! Sign your kids up now for our amazing Scuba Vacation Bible School and get the Early Bird registration price of \$5/child. At Scuba VBS, kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! June 3-6, 9am-Noon for ages 4-12 (PreK-entering 5th grade) in the Parish Hall. Scan the QR code to register. Contact Hilary Hale at stlaurencechildren@gmail.com for more info.



Fellowship

St. Laurence Women - April 23. All women of the Parish are invited to the April meeting of the St. Laurence Women on Tues, April 23 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will hear from our very own Erin Wallace, Director of the Parent's Day Out ministry, who will speak about all that is taught to our little ones, both academically and spiritually. In recognition of National Library Week, we are asking everyone to bring one or more new or gently used books (for ages 18 months-5 years) to add to the PDO library. Dinner will be served and a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Childcare will be available.

Young Adult Group - April 27. All 20 and 30 year olds are invited to the Young Adult Group Group Sourdough Baking Class on Sat, April 27 from 3:00-5:00pm at the home of Josh and McKenzey Jacka (12816 Old Macgregor Lane, Ft. Worth). This group is for singles, couples and those with families. Childcare at the Church will not be available for this event.

The XYZ Group - April 27. The XYZ Group is a fellowship group for all those 65+ and they're meeting for a late lunch on Sat, April 27 at 2:00pm at The Londoner Pub (5120 State Hwy 121, Colleyville). Everyone is welcome.

Clergy & Staff

Fr. John Jordan, Rector

Fr. Matthew Rogers, Associate Rector

John Heimel, Organist and Choirmaster

Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director

Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Liam Estes, Youth and Children's Ministry Assistant

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