

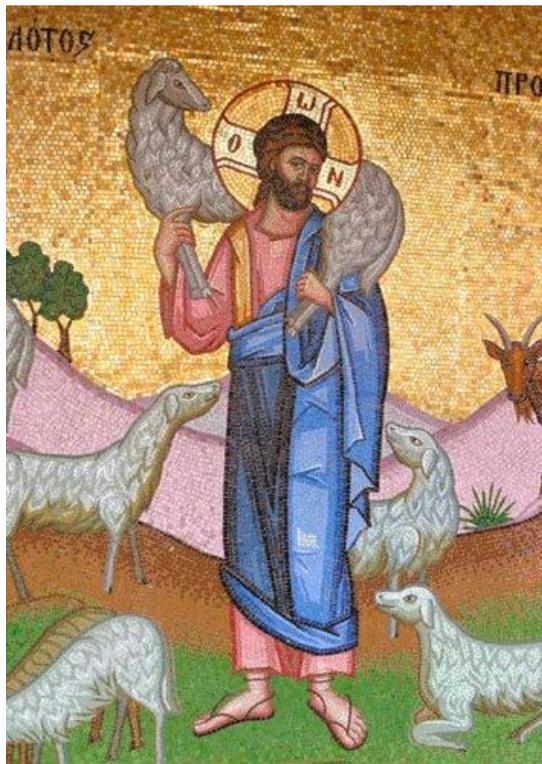
Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10:30am



412 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL
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*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.
Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

“Sheep may safely graze”
(from cantata 208 - 'Hunting cantata')
Wayne Hatwich, organist

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”
Sonne der Gerechtigkeit with Alleluias

Hymn #212
v. 1, 2, 5, 7

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our
victorious King, Who has washed us in the
tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His
sacred blood for wine, Gives His Body for
the feast--Christ the victim, Christ the
priest. Alleluia!
5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce
pow'rs beneath thee lie; Thou hast conquered
in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and
light. Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin
destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in Thee to be. Alleluia!

(stand as you are able)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.*

The Gloria in Excelsis

People: *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.*

Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: 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

Old Testament

A Reading from Acts.

Acts 4:5-12

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."

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 for ever.

New Testament

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

1 John 3:16-24

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“My shepherd will supply my need”

Hymn #664

v. 1, 2, 3

1. My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

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

John 10:11-18

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

Nicene Creed

*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.*

(stand)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: **G**athered in the care of the good shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, let us pray to God who knows our every need. For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. For the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Congregations in the Evanston Deanery, and Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For this parish family of Emmanuel, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed and for those celebrating birthdays Danielle *Hardesty* (04/25), Elizabeth *Parker* (04/28), Meghan *Cramer* (04/30), and Bill *Schulz* (04/30) and those celebrating anniversaries Doug and Cheryl *Rogers* (04/29) and Mathew and Courtney *Oakes* (04/30).

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For this holy assembly and for all who gather in the name of the risen Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, For Paula our bishop-elect and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering, the strayed and the lost.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For those who walk in death's dark valley, that they may rest in the peace of Christ, especially Darlene and Daniel.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Sean, Tony, and Diana

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: **B**lessed are you, O Lord our God, for you soothe our head with oil and fill our cup with wine: Hear the prayers we offer for every need, and revive us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

“The Lord, my God, my shepherd is”

Hymn #663

v. 1, 4, 5

1. The Lord my God my shepherd is; how could I want or need? In pastures green, by streams serene, he safely doth me lead.
4. Thou hast in grace my table spread secure in all alarms, and filled my cup, and borne me up in everlasting arms.
5. Then surely I can trust thy love for all the days to come, that I may tell thy praise, and dwell forever in thy home.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)

Eucharistic Prayer B

(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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: **I**t 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.” (†)

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

*Celebrant: A*nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Celebrant: **T**he 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. Ushers will invite people forward by pew.

Music during Communion “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor”

Hymn #307

v. 1, 2, 4, 5

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first-begotten from the dead. Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people’s head. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith’s discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou was slain, in its fullness Undiminished shall forevermore remain. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.
5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended, glorified!

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: 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.

Blessing (†)

Celebrant: **M**ay almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

(standing)

Closing Hymn

“Jesus lives! thy terrors now”

Hymn #195

v. 1, 3, 4

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no longer, death,
appall us; Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O
grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!
3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his
love shall sever; life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!
4. Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is
given: may we go where he has gone, rest and reign
with him in heaven.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Finale from organ concerto #5”

G.F. Handel

Announcements

Currently at the church, 45 people are able to attend the 10:30 am service, in keeping with diocesan guidelines. Please call or email the church office at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org to reserve a spot.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Book Club: The book group's next meeting is May 25, 2021 at 7pm, and the book is "Broken for You" by Stephanie Kallos. When we meet septuagenarian Margaret Hughes, she is living alone in a mansion in Seattle with only a massive collection of valuable antiques for company. Enter Wanda Schultz, a young woman with a broken heart who has come west to search for her wayward boyfriend. Both women are guarding dark secrets and have spent many years building up protective armor against the outside world. As their tentative friendship evolves, the armor begins to fall away and Margaret opens her house to the younger woman.

June's book is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of the powerful businessman Mr. Hosokawa. Roxanne Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening—until a band of gun-wielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different.

Flowers on the altar are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special anniversary. We request a \$50 minimum donation. Email the office with requests.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. **Crucifer/Acolyte: Stacey LaRosa**
Reader 1: Mark Baldwin
Reader 2: Phil James
Altar Guild: Gale Degner
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