

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11TH, 2025

THIS SERVICE MAY BE LIVESTREAMED

9:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns, Verses 1-3* 494 (blue book)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Gloria S280 (blue book)

Collect of the Day *4th Sunday of Easter* 225 (red book)

1 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

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.

Second Lesson — 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.”

Reader. The word of the Lord

People. Thanks be to God

Gospel — John 10:22-30

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Fr. Joe Hannah

Nicene Creed

358 (red book)

Prayers of the People

Handout

Confession of Sin

360 (red book)

The Peace

360 (red book)

Announcements *Birthday & Anniversary Prayers*

Offertory

Instrumental

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer C

369 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

S130(blue book)

The Lord's Prayer

364 (red book)

At the Breaking of the Bread *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

S154 (blue book)

Communion

Instrumental

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer

366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

390 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)



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