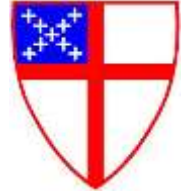


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church. We are so glad you are here!

Guidelines for indoor worship in this time of COVID-19:

- The Sanctuary and restrooms were all disinfected prior to the worship service.
- Masks must be worn at all times, except by individual readers, soloists, and speakers who are well distanced from others.
- Everyone must keep physical distance of six feet or more in every direction at all times. Family groups, however, may remain together. Ushers will assist in seating and directing communion traffic flow.
- Please check in at the welcome table in the Narthex. Bulletins, masks, and hand sanitizer are also available there.
- We will keep a record of all attendees at each service to facilitate contact tracing, should it ever be necessary.
- Attendance is limited based on social distancing guidelines. Ten pews are closed. Six are available for seating.
- Worship leaders all had their temperature checked before the service and displayed normal temperatures.
- No congregational singing is permitted. Only soloists, who are social distancing at an extended distance, may sing.
- The Peace will be shared with a bow, wave, or peace sign and will not include handshakes, hugs, or any physical touch.
- Communion will be celebrated with wafers only (no wine) in individual cups near the altar. Those who would like to receive a wafer or a personal blessing should proceed in single file to the altar while maintaining social distancing of 6 feet. Please wait in your seat with your wafer until the priest has finished all the blessings before consuming the wafer.
- Restroom traffic flow: from the sanctuary, go through the Parish Hall and down the stairs to the basement. To return to the sanctuary, go outside and around the building, and re-enter through the front doors.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Readers: Richard/Cindy

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and People begin with the Opening Prayer

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.

Opening sentences for the Easter Season

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Opening Hymn “To God be the Glory”

W.H. Doane

- To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the father through Jesus the son;
And give him the glory – great things he hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see! *Refrain*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Jubilate

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Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Lessons

The lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from [_____]

After each Lesson, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord

To which the People respond

Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
**how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”**
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us,
O LORD.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gradual Hymn 205 “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Gelobt sei Gott

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is risen today!

Sing songs of praise along his way;

let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that life which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing today with one accord

the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may be seated

Officiant 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.

Suffrages A

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- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Other Collects

For Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us

all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For the Future of the Human Race

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the leaders and the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

After the Prayer for Mission, our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may follow.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Officiant prays **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Hymn 180 "He is risen, he is risen!"

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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CALENDAR

SUN Apr 18 – The Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Josette Keelor

SAT Apr 24 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN Apr 25 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

SAT May 1 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 2 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Connor Newlun

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NOTICES

GIVING

The work of the church goes on and our bills need to be paid even while we're gathering online. ***Pledge checks or donations*** may be sent to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135.

You may also ***give online***, thanks to our Diocese. Use this link: <http://bit.ly/DOVChurch> and be sure to put the name and town of our church, "Good Shepherd, Bluemont," in the memo line. We will receive a giving statement and check from the Diocese each month.

If you haven't done so yet, please ***make your stewardship pledge*** to Good Shepherd for 2021. You can do this by a note to the above mailing address or by an email to info@goodshepherdbluemont.com. Please give as generously as you can so that our service in this community, by God's grace, may continue and thrive. Thank you so much!

For this Easter season, please consider making a gift to Good Shepherd Church designated for The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Good Shepherd will match these donations dollar for dollar from our 2021 outreach budget.

OUTREACH



Please bring much needed donations for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church and drop them in the Narthex. Lois takes them to FISH, by appointment.

Please let her know when you drop things off. In

February, we donated 82 pounds of food. Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help the ***needy in our midst*** in Clarke County.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our **Parish Directory** is available in both print and electronic formats. Contact Tim (timhall00@aol.com, 540-454-0564) for a copy. In these challenging times, let's be deliberate about keeping in touch and reaching out to each other for support and blessing.

OUR FACILITY

We now have Internet service!

We are moving ahead on replacing our Parish Hall ceiling. We also plan on replacing the carpet at the same time. If you would like to help with this project, that would be really wonderful. Please contact Tim.

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PRAYERS

*Please continue to pray for our neighbors
and for ways that our church can serve the community.*

Friends and Family: Bobbie Wilhelm and the Wilhelm family, The Kerns family, George Rutter, Terri (Josette's mother), Charlene Fu and her father, Karen Tapscott, Martha's friend Doug, Roger & Sheila Tapscott, Donny McCarty (Lois' brother), Martha Hayes, Jeanette Carter, David Carter, Ralph & Maeva and Maeva's daughter Hillary, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Lee Purnell (Richard's mother), Paul Sauer (Cindy's uncle), and Judith Refo (Judy's mother).

In thanksgiving for the life of Anna Lee Pellock Purnell, Richard's mother, born on 4 March 1927 and departed this world on 12 April 2021.

In thanksgiving for the life of Louise Hull, Josette's Aunt Liz, who departed this world on April 8.

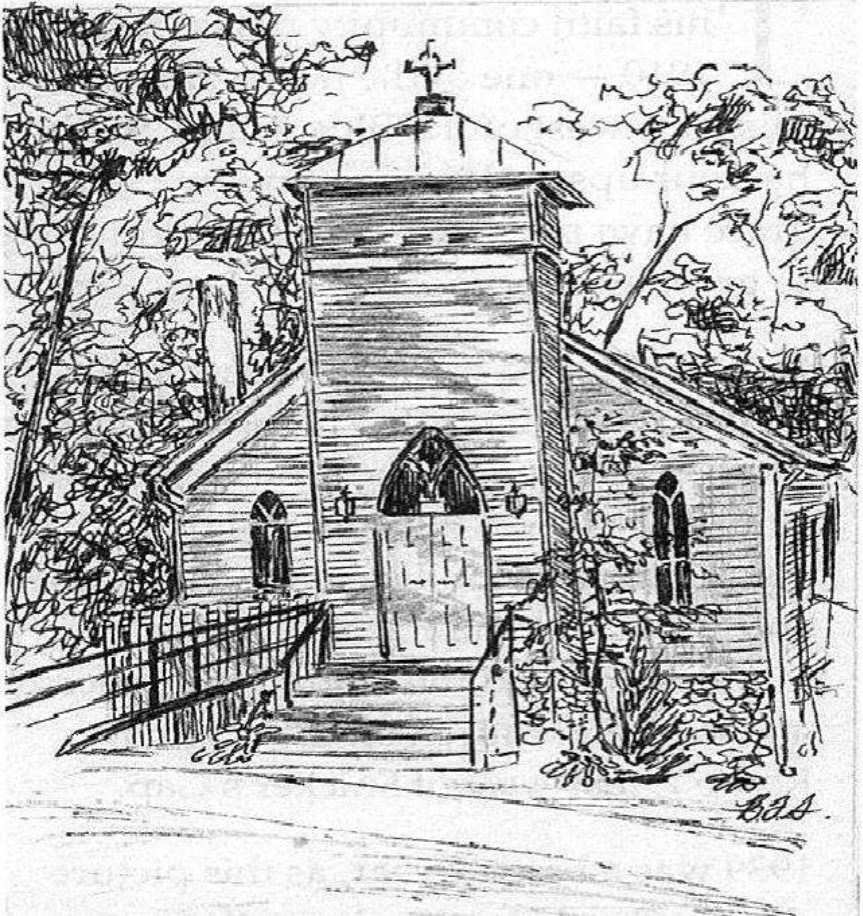
O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, and for Debbie, our Supply Clergy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Church of Ireland.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray today for St. Mark's, Richmond.



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