

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

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

We are blessed to have The Rev. Deborah (Wood) Rutter celebrating our Eucharist with us today. Debbie retired in 2017 after 22 years as Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Front Royal, VA. She is a graduate of The College of William and Mary (1970) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (1982). Debbie started here at Good Shepherd in September 2020 and will be with us at least through June.

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: Rev. Debbie Rutter

Readers: Cindy, Lois

Prayer Intercessor: Tim

Prelude “Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

~*Piano*

Hyfrodol

~*Sarah Bereza*

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 646** “The King of love, my shepherd”

Dominus regit me

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. 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.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant prays

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.**

The Gloria *Said in Unison*

**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 the Father. Amen.**

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 Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the book of Acts.

The First Lesson: 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

Said in unison

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.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the first letter of John.

The Second Lesson: 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 518** "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,

in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

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.

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

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the Province of Jerusalem, the Rt. Revd Suheil Dawani,
for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the church of Japan), and for the peace
and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan,
Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, for Debbie, our Supply Clergy, and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Confession and Absolution are omitted for the Easter season.

The Peace

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share the peace with only nods, waves, and peace signs!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer C

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The offering plate will not be passed. Please leave your offering to God in the plate by the exit.

Offertory **Hymn 325** “Let us break bread together on our knees”

Let Us Break Bread

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;

[Refrain:]
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees; (Refrain)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees; (Refrain)

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

[Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast [Alleluia].

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them spiritually in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive the communion in one kind, as directed

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
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.**

The Blessing

Closing **Hymn 664** “My Shepherd will supply my need”

Resignation

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.

The Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall

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

SUN May 9 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

SAT May 15 – *AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.*

SUN May 16 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

THU May 20 – Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm, via Zoom

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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, you can still ***make your stewardship pledge*** to Good Shepherd for 2021. Send a note to the above mailing address or an email to info@goodshepherdblueмонт.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. March, not so much! Please support this ministry and 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 planning for this project, that would be awesome. 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: Kathy Ingram, Bobbie Wilhelm and the Wilhelm 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), Paul Sauer (Cindy's uncle), and Judith Refo (Judy's mother).

We thank you for your healing grace in the lives of the Kerns family, Linda Kimbrough, Tim & Lori Johnson, and Dan Hall.

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Clergy and Lay Delegates to the Special Convention of the Diocese of Virginia and the Diocesan Staff.



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