

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: Tim Hall

Readers: Richard/Cindy

Prelude: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sarah Bereza (piano)

Welcome and Opening

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

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*

Opening Hymn 494 "Crown him with many crowns" *Diademata*
v 1, 3, 4

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

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

Said in unison

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 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we

also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Anthem 704 "O thou, who camest from above"

Gelobt sei Gott

~ sung by Josette

1 O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the altar of my heart.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

2 There let it for thy glory burn
with ever bright, undying blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

4 Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to

you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Homily

Tim Hall

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 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 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 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

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1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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 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 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

SAT May 22 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

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

SAT May 29 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 30 – Trinity Sunday

11:00 a.m. Healing Service, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

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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, with two more Sundays remaining, 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.

We didn't make a donation in March, but in April, we donated 42 pounds of food. Thanks 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).

In thanksgiving for the life of Charles Leslie Smith, Tim Hall's Uncle Deacon, born on 25 March 1935 and departed this world on April 25.

In thanksgiving for the life of John Edmonds, 1948 – 2021, who departed this world on April 20.

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 Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province) and for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Church of the Incarnation, Mineral; and St. Philip's, Richmond.



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