

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Christ Instructing Nicodemus (oil on canvas) by Jacob Jordaens (1593-1678)

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

Guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are now optional. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, and sanitizer is available at other locations in the Sanctuary.



CALENDAR

- WED Mar 8** “Centered” men’s group in the parish hall – 5:30 p.m.
- THU Mar 9** **Worship Planning Team** in the parish hall – 6:30 p.m.
- SAT Mar 11** “Praying Through Winter” – 11 a.m. to noon
at Good Shepherd (See Notices for more information)
- SUN Mar 12** **The Third Sunday in Lent**
11 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut, Ray Ewing
Prayers: Lee Ruddle | LEM: Josette Keelor
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
- THU Mar 16** **Vestry Meeting** via Zoom – 6 p.m.
- SUN Mar 19** **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
11 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
- SAT Mar 25** **Prayer Garden Work Day**– 9 a.m. to noon
- SUN Mar 26** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**
11 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Tim Hall | Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
- SAT Apr 1** **FISH Community Table** – 9-11 a.m.
Parish Work Day– 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- SUN Apr 2** **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**
11 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Blument.



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite I

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Mason/Carter

The Officiant and People begin with the Opening Prayer

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Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn 440 "Blessed Jesus at thy word"

Liebster Jesu

Opening Sentence for Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People together

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,**

spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.

The officiant continues with this invitation during the season of Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come let us adore him.

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

HymnalS-35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

The Lessons

The Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

*Said responsively by half verse**

Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as

righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 489** “The great Creator of the worlds”

Tallis’ Ordinal

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can

these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Hymn 448 “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

Deus tuorum militum

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may be seated

**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. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Other Collects

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

The officiant says:

We sum up these and all the prayers on our hearts, praying together the General Thanksgiving.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,

give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to thy service,

and by walking before thee

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world 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

The Offertory

The Officiant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. The offering plate will not be passed. Please leave your offering in the plate found on the Narthex table.

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy 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 thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 636 “How firm a foundation”

Foundation

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..

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect donations for the **FISH** food bank in Berryville. Our February donation of canned fruit, chicken, fish, veggies, cereal, oatmeal and a few toiletries weighed 59 pounds. We also donated \$60 from our Shrove Tuesday event. Please **bring your March donations** by **Sunday, March 26**. Lois will be delivering them the following Wednesday.

We will be hosting the **FISH Community Table** mobile food pantry again on **April 1, from 9 to 11 a.m.** This time, we will be preparing breakfast for the patrons. Going forward, the mobile food pantry will distribute from Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of every month.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The next session of “**Praying Through Winter**” is this **Saturday, March 11**, from 11 to 12 noon. The focus of this final session will be mindful movement meditation and sacred chanting. See the flyer in the narthex for more details. (The March 18 date given in previous bulletins is wrong.)

GIVING

Our Sunday offering is collected in the plate in the entrance way. You may also give by sending donations in the mail. **Thank you!**

OUR FACILITY

Mark your calendars! In anticipation of spring, we have scheduled two volunteer work days to get our grounds cleaned up and ready for the upcoming special days in the liturgical calendar: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Come commune with nature and enjoy outdoor fellowship on **Prayer Garden Work Day, Sat. March 25, 9 a.m. - noon**, and **Parish Work Day, Sat. April 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, immediately following our hosting of the FISH Community Table (see notice above).

UPCOMING BISHOP VISIT

On **Sunday April 23**, **The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris** will be joining us. It's been 3-1/2 years since our last bishop's visit (delayed because of Covid), so this is a long-awaited occasion. It is also an opportunity for **confirmation, baptism, reception** into the Episcopal Church or **reaffirmation** (publicly renewing your commitment to Christ). If you're interested in any of these ceremonies, please talk to Rev. Martha to get started in the preparation process. A special reception will follow our 11 a.m. service.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: For those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine, the homeless across our nation, and the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Val Marsh, the Adamson Family (in Russia), Judi Floyd, Jorie & Richard Martin, the Desamparado family (Cindy's cousins in the Philippines), Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Meredith and her daughter June Harmon (Cindy's friends), Pat Pearson, Virginia and her daughter Savannah, Shirley Russell (longtime Bluemont resident), Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons & Sam Myers (Darlene's friends & family).

Congratulations to Trey Taylor (Lois Tapscott's nephew) and Keyshlee Weir on the **birth of their son, Easton Dax Taylor** on Feb. 28.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark our Bishop; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria, and Trinity, Manassas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.



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