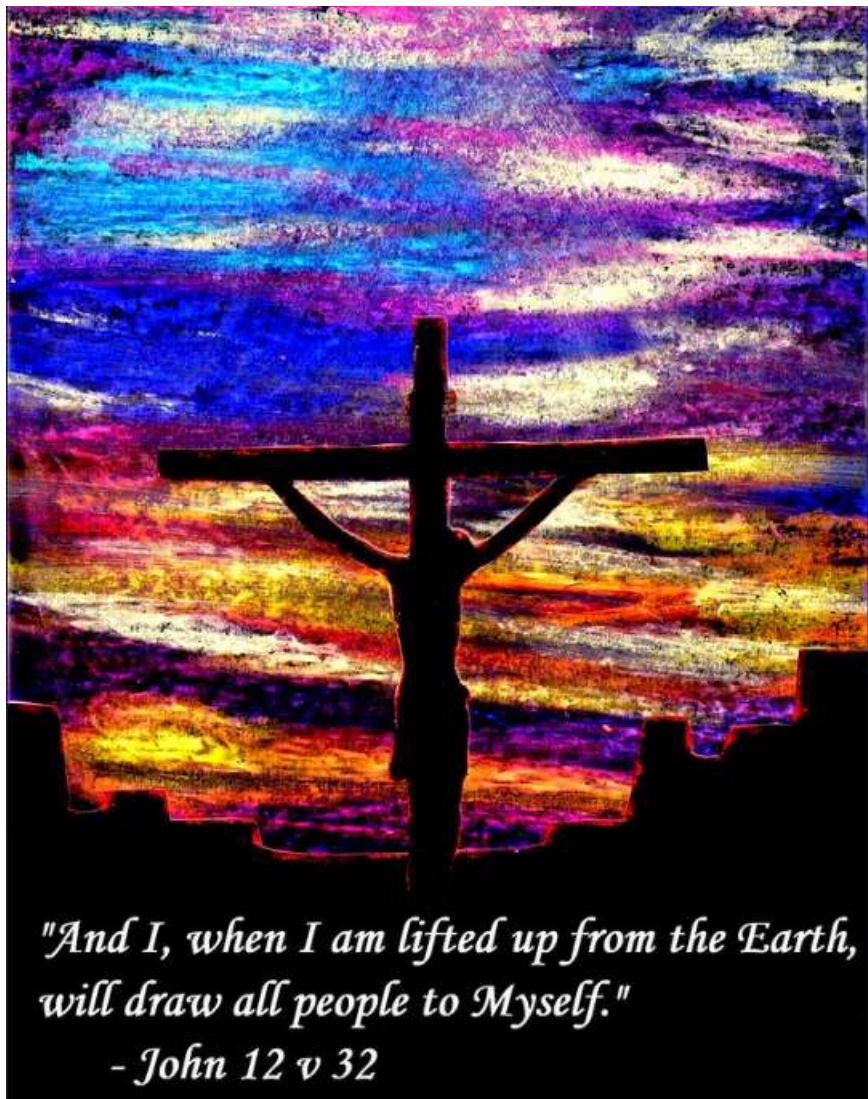


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Mar 17 The Fifth Sunday in Lent**
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor
12:15 p.m. **Dramatic Passion Rehearsal** for Palm Sunday
2:00 p.m. **Black History Month** documentary showing,
St. Mary's Church, Berryville (see insert)
- THU Mar 21 Vestry Committee Meeting**, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church
- FRI Mar 22 Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SAT Mar 23 Vestry Retreat**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church
- SUN Mar 24 Palm Sunday**
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
& the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Reader & Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- THU Mar 28 Maundy Thursday**
6:00 p.m. **Sacred Supper** with the Rev. Martha Clark
7:00 p.m. **Footwashing and Holy Eucharist**
Lay Reader: Janet Locklear
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- FRI Mar 29 Good Friday**
6 p.m. **Outdoor Stations of the Cross**
7 p.m. **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion** with Tim Hall
Lay Readers & Prayers: Cindy Ingram,
Josette Keelor & Charlene Fu
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

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 Bluemont.



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite I

Officiant & Homilist: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Zoomer: Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision/Homeward Bound"

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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 370 "I bind unto myself today" *vv. 1, 2, 6, 7*

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 (seated or kneeling)

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 (*standing*)

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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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 51:1-13

*Said responsively by half verse**

De profundis

- 1 **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; ***
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **LEVAS 88** “My faith looks up to thee”

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life

lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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;

And 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** “Lamb of God” (see insert)

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 or kneel

**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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 *(Please stand)*

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 **WLP 757** "Will you come and follow me!"

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**

An Irish Blessing "May the road rise up to meet you" (see insert)

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for **Noonday Prayer, a simple meal** of soup and bread (or you may bring a sandwich), and **lively discussions about the very essence of what it means to be a Christian.** For the next two Fridays in Lent, **the Rev. Deborah Rutter** is leading a study of baptismal promises using the guide "Will You?" We meet from noon to 2 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Study books and supplies are provided.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Many thanks for everyone's generous donations to our **Absalom Jones fundraiser.** Your gifts totaling \$725 were matched by \$500 from church funds as authorized by your Vestry, enabling us to send a check of **\$1,225**

to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This worthy cause supports two Episcopalian Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). We are blessed by your generous giving to be able to be one of the parishes leading by example in this step toward racial reconciliation.

Our next fundraiser is the **Good Friday Offering**, which provides critical support to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, providing aid for, among many things, the Ahli Arab Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City, which we helped last fall when the Gaza war began. **We begin collecting donations today, and continue through Holy Week to the first Sunday after Easter.** Your Vestry has again authorized \$500 in matching funds. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd with “Good Friday offering” in the memo line. Or you may give cash in one of the pre-marked envelopes in the Narthex. For more information about this offering see: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/> Thank you for your support!

VESTRY INFORMATION

Our next vestry meeting is Thursday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church. If you you'd like input, contact Ray Ewing or Penni Tidwell, our senior and junior wardens. The vestry is holding its first ever retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall and sanctuary. Please pray for wisdom and grace for your vestry.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our February donation** of canned, dried and boxed foods totalled **96 pounds**. On Feb. 28, Lois Tapscott, Rev. Martha Clark, and Sophia Zidek distributed 36 “to-go” meals. **This month’s donations need to be brought to the church by March 25.**



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Treasurer: Tim Hall
Clerk: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Ian Macoy (father's death); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Tim & Ann White (Tim Hall's friends in New Hampshire); Bryan Zidek; Rob Banse; Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Penelope Yungblut; Lee Ruddie; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; 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 Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Sam Myers, John West, Geraldine Kolowski, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of Chris Turner (Josette Keelor's friend), Dec. 28, 1959 – Feb. 16, 2024; and Norman H. Macoy (Kelly's father-in-law), Sep. 30, 1936 – Feb. 22, 2024.

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 and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.

In the ***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*** we pray today for Emmanuel-Brook Hill, Richmond; N. Farnham, Warsaw; St. Dunstan's, McLean; and St. John's, Warsaw.

In the ***Anglican Cycle of Prayer***, we pray today for The Church in Wales.