

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Sunday of the Resurrection:

EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Mar 31 Easter Sunday**
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Martha Clark
and The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Refreshments & Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- SUN Apr 7 The Second Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Cindy Ingram
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- SAT Apr 13 Walking in the Spirit of Spring**
10:30 a.m. **Meditation Walk** with the Rev. Martha Clark
to Noon The Pavilion at Cool Springs
- SUN Apr 14 The Third Sunday of Easter**
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Janet Locklear
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Reader: Josette Keelor | LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- SUN Apr 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Janet Locklear
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden
- 12:45 p.m. **Josette Keelor reading excerpts from her book,
“Lottie Withers and the Haunted Trail”**

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.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

Preacher: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall

Ushers: Ray Ewing & Penelope Yungblut

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

*Today's Liturgy is a festive celebration for the risen Christ,
the final piece in the Passion Triduum,
and was the earliest feast day in the Christian Church.*

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude "Paschal Troparion"

sung by the choir

Opening **Hymn 207** "Jesus Christ is risen today"

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.**

Prais **Hymn 179** "Welcome, happy morning!"

vv. 1-e5

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus

Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Said responsively by half verse

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an

apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 178** “Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord”

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For Ann Bush and her family (Ray’s sister); Craig Eney and Mayo Brown (Andrea’s brother-in-law and father); 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); 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 Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and 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). For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies 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 Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha, and Rob, 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 and all who have died, remembering especially Norman H. Macoy, Russell Bush, Matthew Charles Iber and Thomas Scott, 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 Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Anthem “Easter Alleluia” *sung by the choir*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving *BCP, p.369*

Eucharistic Prayer C

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:

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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

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**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Act of Reception

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all virtual participants.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion **Hymn 335** "I am the bread of life"

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 208 “The strife is o’er, the battle done”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Please consider making a gift to our **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. **You may donate throughout 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 use one of the pre-marked envelopes in the Narthex for your cash donations. For more information see: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

Please note that **we do not pass the plate** to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthax as you enter or leave the church.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our March donation** of eggs, meat, and canned, dried and boxed foods totalled **82 pounds**. On March 27, Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden distributed 36 “to-go” meals. April donations are due by Tuesday the 23rd and boxed meals will be given out on Wednesday the 24th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our Saturday morning **Meditation Walks** resume in two weeks. The theme is “**Walking in the Spirit of Spring.**” We’ll meet at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, May 18 and June 15 at the pavilion at the Shenandoah University River Campus at Cool Springs. In April, we’ll be “**Walking in the Newness of Life.**”

Our occasional **Good Shepherd choir**, which has blessed us with special music on Palm Sunday and today, will be offering more special music on **Sunday April 14 and 21**. Rehearsals with Janet Locklear will be at 10 a.m. on the same days.

Our very own **budding author, Josette Keelor**, will be reading a selection from her novel-in-progress during the fellowship time after the service on **April 21**. Be the first to hear the story of **Lottie Withers and the Haunted Trail**, a middle-grade mystery novel about a 10-year-old girl who gathers a group of diverse fifth graders to plan a Halloween hayride while also trying to solve the mystery of Luke, an 11-year-old who keeps showing up at Lottie’s clubhouse but only offers cryptic details about his family and where he lives. Along the way, Lottie must learn how not to sacrifice her own needs while trying to help others.



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Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell

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: Ann Bush and her family (Ray's sister); Craig Eney and Mayo Brown (Andrea's brother-in-law and father); 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); 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 Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and 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:

Norman H. Macoy (Kelly's father-in-law), Sep. 30, 1936 – Feb. 22, 2024;
Russell Bush (Ray's brother-in-law), July 15, 1926-March 17, 2024;
Matthew Charles Iber (Rick's friend), Jan. 10, 1965 – Jan. 14, 2024;
and Thomas Scott (Martha Clark's cousin), died March 24, 2024. 🙏

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