

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Thomas sees Jesus' wounds

from *Treasures of the Bible*, by Henry Davenport Northrop, D.D., 1894.

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- 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 (see Notices)
- 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
- WED Apr 17** **Fertilizing the prayer and pollinator gardens, 11 a.m.**
- THU Apr 18** **Vestry Meeting, 4:30 to 6 p.m.**
- 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. **Book reading** by Josette Keelor of her novel-in-progress
- TUES Apr 23** **Last day to bring FISH donations to church**
- WED Apr 24** **To-go Meals distribution at FISH**
- SUN Apr 28** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor
Musicians: Tim Hall & Rose Holden 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 Blumont.



DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Cindy Ingram

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

William M. Runyan

Opening Sentence for Easter

BCP p. 77

(The People stand)

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.

The Officiant and People continue with the Opening Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 205** “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing” *vv 1,3,4,5*

Confession of Sin *(Please be seated or kneel)*

BCP p. 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (*Please stand*)

BCP p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glorify 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!

The Antiphon (Officiant)

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

Hymnal S-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 People may be seated*)

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Said responsively by half verse

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 **Oh, how good and pleasant it is, ***
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

(The People stand)

Gradual Hymn **LEVAS 137** "Just as I am"

vv 1, 4-6

(The People may be seated)

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace

be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Homily

Cindy Ingram

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.

Prayer **Hymn 490** "I want to walk as a child of the light"

The Prayers

BCP p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

(Please 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

- 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 Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 St. Paul's, Alexandria, and Trinity, Manassas. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. 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 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 Officiant may add other Collects and finish with a collect for mission, before inviting the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.

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** *BCP p. 102*

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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Grace (*The People stand*) *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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

Please leave your offering in the plate 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

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 199** “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

An Easter Blessing-for Firm and Certain Faith

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son’s resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



NOTICES

PRAYER LIST

In this post-Resurrection Sunday season of renewal, we are asking everyone to review their submissions to our Friends and Family Prayer List. Starting this month, we are implementing a quarterly review of the prayer list in an attempt to keep it meaningful and manageable. Please email prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org to add or remove someone from the prayer list. When submitting a name, please include your relationship to the person, the number of weeks that prayer is requested (or write: “until removed”), and any other relevant information.

Asking for prayer is an act of faith and should be made for those with whom you have a personal relationship. That means keeping in touch with them and actively spiritually mentoring them and/or following up on their condition and care. The goal is to have a congregational prayer list that is a meaningful tool to enhance our personal prayers.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Today is the last day to contribute to our Good Friday Offering, which provides critical support to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Among many things, it gives aid to the Ahli Arab Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City, which we helped last fall when the Gaza war began. 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/>

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. Donations for

this month are due by Tuesday, April 23 and boxed meals will be given out on Wednesday, April 24.

COMING UP

Saturday, April 13 — Rev. Martha will be leading the first of three meditation walks on “**Walking in the Spirit of Spring.**” Meet her at 10:30 a.m. at the pavilion at the Shenandoah University River Campus at Cool Springs for “**Walking in the Newness of Life.**” Subsequent walks will be on May 18 and June 15.

Sunday, April 14 and 21 — Our occasional **Good Shepherd choir**, which under the direction of Eileen Cawood has blessed us with special music on Palm Sunday and Easter Day, will be offering more special music the next two Sundays. Rehearsals with Janet Locklear will be at 10 a.m. on the same days.

Sunday, April 21 — Our very own **budding author, Josette Keelor**, will be reading a selection from her novel-in-progress during the fellowship time after the service. 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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PRAYERS

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

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In thanksgiving for the lives of:

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.