



THE
FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER

April 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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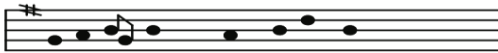
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #620) “*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*”

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation *Please remain standing as you are able.*



Celebrant: ✠ Al-le-lu-ia. Christ is ri-sen.



Community: The Lord is ri-sen in - deed. Al-le-lu-ia.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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.***

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung together, all remain standing as you are able*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus

Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in ✠ the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson (Acts 4:5-12)

Gail Cecchini

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 Hymn (CWTL #13) "*A Banquet is Prepared*"

The Second Lesson (1 John 3:16-24) Kevin Sangster

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

Cantor: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of Life!*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Community: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus, risen Lord of Life!**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Celebrant The ☩ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *John*.

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

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.*

Prayers of the People

Andrew Listman

The Celebrant says:

“My sheep hear my voice.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Let us pray to our heavenly Father, remembering the selfless love of his beloved Son as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople, that they may continue to be faithful shepherds who guides us into the ways of righteousness.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the unity of all Christians, that there may only be one flock and one shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who live in loneliness, that they may be welcomed and find friendship in the community of the church.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For vocations to the priesthood, that Christ will raise up faithful shepherds for His flock.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the special intentions which we offer before Christ, the Good Shepherd, as we pray for:

- Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor.
- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially Julie Bakker and Carla.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters.
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts, *especially the Middle East.*
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Darlene Watson, Stephanie Hoffman, and Paul Kilpatrick;* and those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Fr. Russell & Cynthia Griffin and Dcn. Bruce & Gail Cecchini.*
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

- Silence -

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they may see God as he really is, especially *Victor Kayati.*

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let us pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind

**within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, you make the resplendent glory of the risen Christ shine forth with new radiance on the whole world whenever our human weakness is healed and restored. Gather all your scattered children into one flock following Christ, the Good Shepherd, so that we all may taste the joy you bestow upon those who are the children of God. We ask this, through Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.





Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing (*please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested*).

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

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

Announcements

-  **ECW: Monthly meeting** on the **3rd Sunday of the month** immediately following brunch. Next meeting is today.
-  Part 2 of the **Adult Formation Class** with Cynthia Griffin will take place on **Sunday, May 5** after service in the Church Hall.
-  **Lay Readers Sign-up sheets for May and June** are in the back.
-  **2024 Faith and Service Award Nominations** are now open. Nomination forms are in the back. Please complete and return by the deadline of June 30, 2024.

Community Events:

- **National Day of Prayer** on Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7 p.m., at Luke Avenue Park, Luke & Haddon Avenues, West Berlin. Please bring a lawn chair.
- Women of Faith from **Wesley United Methodist Church** invites us to their **Banquet of Daughters of God, Saturday, June 2, 2024 at 2 p.m. \$20** per person. **RSVP by May 5.** See flyer in the back for more info.

Fundraisers:

- **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2024**, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 per person**. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, purchase, or get tickets to sell, please see Darlene or Lillian.
- **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. 1st Prize - \$1,000 worth of store gift cards; 2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card. Proceeds to benefit the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets.
- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (Alleluia II #115)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name,**

both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand as you are able.

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,

**hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." ✠

Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary; blessed Joseph her spouse; with the apostles, martyrs; all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

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.

Breaking of The Bread

[*Fraction Anthem*]

Cantor
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant:

☒ Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn (Alleluia II # 70)

*“My Shepherd Will
Supply My Need”*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

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 at Easter

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

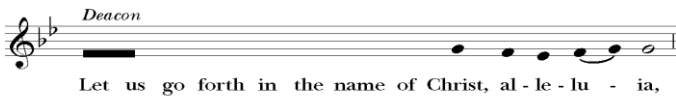
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may our Blessed Lady, Saint Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand as you are able.



Recessional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #646)

*“The King of Love,
My Shepherd Is”*

Regina Caeli (sung to the tune of Hymn 207)

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray,

O God who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world. Grant that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Keith Taylor
Andrew Miller	Mason Smiley
Charles Devoll	Reed Mikkelson
Dalton Anders	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
David Daniels	Ted Chavis

Dave Niglio

Felix Perez

Jacob Listman

Jamie Berry

Jimmy Sheridan

John Kirkbride

Jonathan DeMaria

Joseph Hodges

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Theresa Rugletic (June)

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Joyce Foster	Sheila Williams
Barbara Hill	Lisa Gallagher	Steven Ireland
Barbara MacLeod	Lori Gantz	
Barbara Peters Villari	Mackenzie Wister	
Betsy Richards	Mary Corson	
Carlos Guemes	Mary McGrath	
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Dave McMichael	Mrs. Simon	
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Jason	Richard Mealey	
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Joseph Wright	Tom Knott	

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