





April 14, 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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

<u>Processional Hymn</u> (1982 Hymnal #208) "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done"

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able.



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 Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

<u>First Lesson</u> (Acts 3:12-19) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

<u>Psalm 4</u> (read responsively by verse)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

Celebrant The ■ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 \boxtimes of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of the new community. As we hear His Word in the Scriptures, our hearts burn within us, with a longing for God's presence. With this Easter hope, let us express our needs in prayer as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That those who teach in the Church will remain faithful to the Gospel of repentance and forgiveness.

Silence

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

That leaders of the Church, government, and industry will work together to provide food, employment, and justice.

Silence

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

That those who are dying may know the peace of the risen Christ. *Silence*

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

That we may understand why Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Silence

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

That the intercessions of those of us gathered at this Eucharist might be met, as we pray for:

- Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- 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* [N].
- 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.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Pat Schaffer*.

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.

That Christ, "Our advocate with the Father," will bring the dead to eternal glory, especially *Jasmin Mulero*.

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 have glorified your Son Jesus and made Him the atoning sacrifice for our sins, the source of peace and reconciliation for the whole world. Open our hearts to true conversion, and as we have known the Lord in the breaking of the bread, so make us witnesses of your new creation; renewed, reconciled and at peace in your love. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

<u>General Prayer for Comfort and Healing</u> (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

The Mission Committee meets at 11 a.m. today after our Potluck Brunch.

LECW:

- Good Shepherd hosts the Camden County District Meeting tomorrow, April 15, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- ➤ Monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following brunch. Next meeting is on April 21.
- **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.
- Lay Readers Sign-up sheets for May and June are in the back.

4 Community Events:

- National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7 p.m., at 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 (LEVAS II #41)

"Christ Has Arisen. Alleluia"

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.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

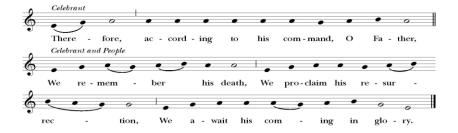
▼ Blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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." *\varDelta*

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." \(\Phi\)



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.

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

Breaking of The Bread



[Fraction Anthem]



Celebrant:

Cantor

■ 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 (1982 Hymnal # 201) "On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days"

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.

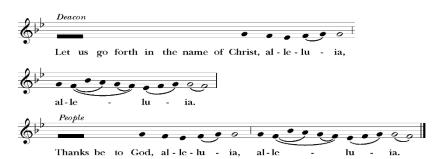
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

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, *\mathbb{\mathbb{T}} 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 (Alleluia II #142)

"Worthy is The Lamb"

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.*

There is a tradition that the Regina Caeli dates to the sixth century with St. Gregory the Great. Prayed during the 50 days of Easter, this prayer reminds us of the Resurrection and the meaning that it has for our lives. The Lord is risen and we can share in Easter joy with Mary, the Queen of Heaven. We can truly proclaim "alleluia," giving praise to God for the great gift of everlasting life he offers us.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC Celebrant and Homilist

> Andrew Listman Margaret McCafferty Eucharistic Ministers

> > Louis Durham *Music Minister*

Kevin Sangster Andrew Listman Margaret McCafferty Lay Readers

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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 <u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>

Jacob Listman Theresa Rugletic (June)

Jamie Berry
Jimmy Sheridan
John Kirkbride
Jonathan DeMaria
Joseph Hodges

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli Joyce Foster Sheila Williams Barbara Hill Lisa Gallagher Steven Ireland Barbara MacLeod Lori Gantz Victor Kayati

Barbara Peters Villari Mackenzie Wister

Betsy Richards
Carlos Guemes
Celiann Santiago
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