

April 7, 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

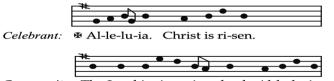
Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #178) "Alleluia, Alleluia!

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able.



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.*

<u>Gloria in Excelsis</u> (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 \blacksquare the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Acts 4:32-35)

Gail Cecchini

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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

<u>Psalm 133</u> (read responsively by verse)

- 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.

Second Lesson (1 John 1:1-2:2)

Kevin Sangster

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

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 20:19-31

People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
	according to John.
Celebrant	The ♥ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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.

<i>Celebrant</i> The Go	ospel of the Lord.
People Praise	to you, Lord Christ.

The HomilyFr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

<u>**The Nicene Creed**</u> (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 \blacksquare of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

Prayers of the People

Andrew Listman

The Celebrant says:

"My Lord and my God." As witnesses of the Resurrection, the apostles were sent forth to continue the work of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the mission of the church and the needs of the world praying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That, led by the successors of Peter and the apostles, the Church will boldly proclaim the truth of Easter.

Silence

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

That those who guide the economy of nations will distribute resources fairly among all peoples.

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

That people weighed down by guilt may find pardon and peace in the Divine Mercy.

Silence

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

That our working week will be transformed by the joy of Easter. *Silence*

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

That the Divine Mercy of Christ might grant our special intentions, 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 Erin Matthews, David Tucker, and Carla.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the victims of the Taiwan earthquake*.

- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Frank Finkbeiner, Lou Durham, and Bernice Finkbeiner.*
- 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 the risen Christ will bring the dead share in His victory, especially Jasmin Mulero and Joel Delpha. 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:

O God, as your people continue the mission of the apostolic witnesses, we beseech you most merciful Father, to grant our petitions, 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.*

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

- The Quarterly Giving Statements are available in the back for pickup for those of us who receive them that way.
- The Mission Committee meets at 11 a.m. on Sunday, next Sunday, April 14, 2024 after our Potluck Brunch.
- **ECW**:
 - Good Shepherd hosts the Camden County District Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7 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.

🖊 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.

4 Fundraisers:

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 (1982 Hymnal #192)

"This Joyful Eastertide"

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.

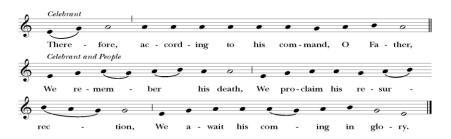
★ Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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." \clubsuit

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." \clubsuit



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.

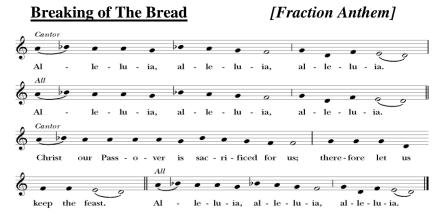
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



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.



Celebrant:

 \blacksquare 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.]

<u>Communion Hymn</u> (LEVAS II # 137) *"Just As I Am"*

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*.

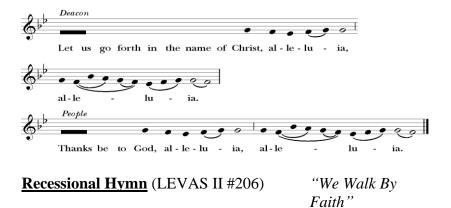
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

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, \blacksquare 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.



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

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

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Joseph Hodges		
Comfort & Healing		
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