



April 28, 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 #47) “*On This Day, The First of Days*”

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson (Acts 8:26-40) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30 (*read responsively by verse*)

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson (1 John 4:7-21)

Kevin Sangster

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in

this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such

branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

The Homily

Fr. Tinh Huynh

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:

Christ says, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and it shall be given unto you." Let us pray constantly, inspired by His words praying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the unity which comes from Christ the true vine may draw all Christians to His Church.

Silence

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

That the peace which God gives us may spread through nations involved in war, terrorism, or inner turmoil.

Silence

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

That the hope which comes from the risen Lord may strengthen those who are pruned by suffering of body or mind.

Silence

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

That the forgiving love of the Holy Spirit within us may free us from fear and guilt.

Silence

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

That the special intentions of those of us gather here 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 Bob Huster, Joseph Mulero and Hailey Mikula.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the East Africa floods.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Bailey Cronberger, Ryan Cronberger, and Cynthia Griffin.*
- 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 faithful departed they remain in Christ forever, *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:

Your love for us O Lord, passes all human understanding. Grafted now as living branches of Christ the true Vine, may we be cultivated by your love and mercy, and so glorify you by bearing much fruit in the midst of your church. Hear us in Him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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.

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
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

- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Part 2 of the Adult Formation Class** with Cynthia Griffin will take place **next Sunday** after service in the Church Hall.
- ✚ **GIFT/Food Pantry:** needs volunteers to hand out flyers and take in donations on **Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers will be standing at the inside entrance to the Berlin ShopRite. If you are willing to help, call or text Gail Cecchini at 609-313-1772 and let her know what hour or hours you are willing to help.
- ✚ **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.

Offertory Hymn (LEVAS II #50)

*“Philip the
Evangelist”*

Please stand as you are able.

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]

Celebrant:

✠ 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 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 (LEVAS #134)

*“Take Me to the
Water”*

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

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

The Dismissal *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Recessional Hymn (LEVAS #130)

*“Glory, Glory,
Hallelujah”*

After Worship Prayer

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Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

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	
Celiann Santiago	Meredith Del Rosi	
Christopher Knott	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Dave McMichael	Mrs. Simon	
Dona Smith	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
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Doris Elaine Philips	Paul Williams	
Edna Krug	Pauleen Williams	
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Jason	Richard Mealey	
John Collier	Ricky Beam	
John Rankin	Robert Bratty	
Joseph Wright	Tom Knott	