



THE  
SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER

May 5, 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 #292) “O Jesus,  
Crowned with All  
Renown”

*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 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

***People*          And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

**The First Lesson** (Acts 10:44-48)    Margaret McCafferty

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

***People*          Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98** (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.**

**The Second Lesson** (1 John 5:1-6)

Andrew Listman

*A Reading from the First Letter of John.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the

love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*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 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*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**

Gail Cecchini

*The Celebrant says:*

*“You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Christ calls us His friends and commands us to love one another. Let us show that love by the sincerity of our prayers today praying, Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Lay person & people read responsively:*

For the holy Catholic Church, that by living the new commandment of love we may bring God’s mercy and grace to all people.

*Silence*

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

For men and women of all nations, that they may fear God and do what is right, in accord with your promises.

*Silence*

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

For those who hold public office in our nation, especially Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor, that they

may be guided by God's grace to serve us with honesty, integrity, and impartiality.

*Silence*

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

For married couples, that, each day through joy and sorrow, they may take to heart the Lord's command to love one another.

*Silence*

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

For the special intentions of our church community, 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.
- 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 Dale Maloney, Joseph Mulero, Sylvia Iannucci, and Hailey Mikula.*
- The victims of crime in our communities, *especially the law enforcement officers killed and injured in Charlotte.*
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the Midwest tornadoes and 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 Gail Cecchini and John Jordan.*
- 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 our departed brothers and sisters, that God may grant them an eternal home through the prayers of the church, *especially Julie Pollard.*

*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:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. 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

- ✚ **Ascension Day Service**, Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m.
- ✚ **Lay Readers Sign-up sheets for May and June** are in the back.
- ✚ **Prayer List Spring Cleanup**
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **The Mission Committee** meets on **Sunday, May 19** at 11 a.m.
- ✚ **ECW:**
  - Meets on Sunday, May 19 after brunch.
  - Collecting **new stuffed animals** with the tags still attached to donate to the **Berlin Ambulance Squad** to help children who have experienced traumatic events. We cannot accept used items.
- ✚ **Community Event:**
  - 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 today.** 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 #128)

*“Come Go with  
Me to That Land”*

*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

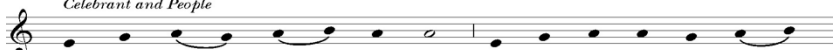
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

*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.



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

## 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

keep the feast. *All*  
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** (LEVAS #151)

*“One Bread, One Body”*

## **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 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.*

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Deacon' and contains the lyrics 'Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia.'. The third staff is labeled 'People' and contains the lyrics 'Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

## Recessional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #344)

*“Lord, Dismiss Us  
with Thy Blessing”*

## 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

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

Andrew Listman  
Gail Cecchini  
*Eucharistic Ministers*

Louis Durham  
*Music Minister*

Gail Cecchini  
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

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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Joseph Wright	Tom Knott	