



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

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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Please silence or turn off your cell phones for the duration of the service and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (Blue #432) “O Praise Ye The Lord!”

Please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 *(said together)*

**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 of the Day

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.

First Lesson (Acts 11:1-18)

Denise King

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it

came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson (Revelation 21:1-6)

Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned

for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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

Sequence Hymn (Blue #316)

*“This is the Hour of
Banquet and of Song”*

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at

once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

The Homily The Rev. Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand: celebrant and people say*)

**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 (III)

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

God wills that there be a new heaven and a new earth. His new Jerusalem is being formed already, wherever the new commandment to “love one another” is put into action. Our prayers for others extend that love as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially for the *Members and Ministry of the New Jersey Ministry to the Imprisoned*;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; *Russell*, our Supply Priest; and Lou, our

Music Minister;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those on our Prayer List and the people of Ukraine and Russia, who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our family and friends celebrating birthdays, especially *Richard Mealey and Lorelle Driever*; and for those celebrating an anniversary, *especially Andy & Regina Listman*.

May thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Let's 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:

O God of glory, in Christ your Son, you are making all things new. Make this New Commandment of love to be the very foundation of our lives, so that, loving you and loving one another as Christ has loved us, we may show that we are Christ's disciples brought to new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. **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.**

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 Sunday School Teacher and Children

The Peace

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

Announcements, Greetings, and Recognitions

- ✚ Please welcome Fr. Russell and Cynthia.
- ✚ Please join us at 11 a.m. for the **Mission Committee meeting**. The **ECW** will meet next Sunday after service.

✚ **ECW:**

➤ **Ronald McDonald House Pop Tabs Collection:**

There is a labeled container in the back of the Church for you to place the pop tabs. Thank you for the support.

✚ **Outreach:**

- **Lion's Club Recycling:** If you have any old/unwanted eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cellphones, the Lion's Club is collecting them to assist needy individuals. There is a box in the back of the Church to place the items.

✚ **Fundraisers:**

- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.
- **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. **1st Prize** - \$1,000 worth of store and restaurant gift cards; **2nd Prize** - \$500 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle; **3rd Prize** - \$250 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle. Please see Darlene for tickets.

 **Other:**

- **Fellowship Hour:** donations are now being requested to host our fellowship brunch. We will still need volunteers to serve and clean up.
- **Pastoral Care:** please see statement on page 18.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (Black #10)

*“Oh! What a
Beautiful City”*

If you have not already done so, you may at this time place your envelope/offering in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Please stand as you are able.

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

The Offering of the Bread

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.**

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, brethren, 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 (A)

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 Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

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. Amen.**

Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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 (Black #109)

*“What a Friend
We Have in Jesus”*

Post Communion 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:

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.**

Recessional Hymn (Black #107) *“There’s Something About that Name”*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

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

Prayer for Healing

Please proceed to the altar rail immediately after the Dismissal if you would like prayer.

Congregation: please show deference during this time.

Thank you to the worship leaders for their contribution to today’s service; and to everyone, both in person and online, for worshipping with us today.

Today’s Counters

Denise King and Margaret McCafferty

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Our Website

Please remember to visit our website, www.goodshepherdberlin.com, for information and updates.

Communion Wine Administered in Both Kinds: Please follow and respect the instructions of the chalice bearers. If you are having the wine, you may:

1. Drink from the Common Cup; or
2. Have the chalice bearer dip the host in the wine for you.
Please be guided accordingly. *The Priest and Chalice Bearers must properly sanitize/wash their hands immediately before administering the communion.*

Statement on Spiritual Care

Fr. Russell is available to help meet the spiritual needs of you and your family, including emergencies and last rites. Pastoral care is confidential and providing spiritual care for you and your loved ones is our most important concern for the Good Shepherd Church family.

Prayers for: (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden
Collin McCafferty
Charles Devoll
Dalton Anders
Dave Niglio
Felix Perez
Jacob Listman
Jimmy Sheridan
John Kirkbride
Jonathan DeMaria
Joseph Hodges
Keith Taylor
Nicholas Cadet
Nicholas DeMaria
Nickolette McCafferty
Reed Mikkelson
Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Ted Chavis

Comfort & Healing

Barbara MacLeod	Mackenzie Wister
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