

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

## We are so glad you are here or joining us online!



### CALENDAR

- SUN May 5**    **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
11:00 a.m.    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
- SUN May 12**    **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
11:00 a.m.    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Rob Banse  
Lay Reader: Janet Locklear | LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall  
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall  
12:45 p.m.    **Speakers Series** — Charlene Fu on China and food  
(see Notices)
- THU May 16**    **Congregational Webinar: Panel on Future of the Episcopal Church**, 3-5 p.m.in the Parish Hall  
**Vestry Meeting**, 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- SAT May 18**    **Walking in the Spirit of Spring**  
10:30 a.m.    **Meditation Walk** with the Rev. Martha Clark  
to Noon        The Pavilion at Cool Springs (see Notices)
- SUN May 19**    **The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**  
11:00 a.m.    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Martha Clark  
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall  
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall  
**Refreshments & Fellowship** in the Parish Hall
- SUN May 26**    **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
11:00 a.m.    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Rob Banse  
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor  
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Judy Hall

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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## Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Christian Hearts, in Love United”

*German melody / Willcoxen*

Opening Hymn **LEVAS 62** “In Christ there is not East or West”

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant prays*

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.**

Praise Hymn **400** “All creatures of our God and King”

*v. 1,2,3 & 7*

## Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God 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.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### Psalm 98

*Said responsively by half verse*

*Cantate Domino*

- 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 Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Gradual **Hymn 455** "O love of God, how strong and true"

*Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: John 15:9-17**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Deborah Rutter*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The People stand*

**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:**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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.**

Prayer **Hymn 292** “O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*BCP p. 392*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For Judi Floyd; Kevin Tapscott (Lois’ nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel’s partner); Brian Allie (Christine’s cousin); Craig Eney (Andrea’s brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha’s mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy’s great grandson); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Alan Moeck (Christine’s friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette’s friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd’s friend’s niece); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen’s sister); Dane Toler (Lee’s spouse); Judson Hardy (Janet’s father); Bert Bonavita (Penni’s cousin); Penelope Yungblut; George & Deb Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene’s friends); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene’s husband); Tim Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly’s mother); Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy’s parents); Judith Refo (Judy Hall’s mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram’s friend); and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene’s friends & family). For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for St. Paul's, Haymarket. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha, and Rob, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**



We pray for and all who have died, remembering especially Mary Decker, Billy Dillon, and Tom Coate, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## **Announcements**

# **THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

## **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

Offertory **Hymn 291** “We plow the fields and scatter”

*The People stand for the Doxology*

**Hymn 380 v.3** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*BCP, p.369*

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

WLP 785

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!***

***Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.***

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.***

*The People may be seated or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*BCP p. 364*

**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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says the following*

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.

### An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

#### The Act of Reception

*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all **virtual** participants.*

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn **WLP 151** “One bread, one body”

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)*

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;**

and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn 482 “Lord of all hopefulness”

## The Dismissal

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

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



## NOTICES

### PRAYER LIST

In this post-Resurrection Sunday season of renewal, we are asking everyone to review their submissions to our Friends and Family Prayer List. Starting this month, we are implementing a quarterly review of the prayer list in an attempt to keep it meaningful and manageable. Please email [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org) to add or remove someone from the prayer list. When submitting a name, please include your relationship to the person, the number of weeks that prayer is requested (or write: “until removed”), and any other relevant information.

Asking for prayer is an act of faith and should be requested for those with whom you have a personal relationship. That means keeping in touch with them and actively spiritually mentoring them and/or following up on their condition and care. The goal is to have a congregational prayer list that is a meaningful tool to enhance our personal prayers.

### SPEAKERS SERIES

“Coming to Know One Another in our Creativity, Interests, and Life Work”. The first in this speakers series took place in April,

when **Josette Keelor** read selections from her novel-in-progress *Lottie Withers and the Haunted Trail*. The next speakers and their topics are:

- **Sunday May 12** — **Charlene Fu** on her experiences as a foreign correspondent in China and on food in Chinese culture and in her family.
- **Sunday, June 16** — our keyboardist **Eileen Cawood** on music in her life.
- **July** — **Janet Locklear** on “My Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella: Adventures and Learnings.”
- **August** — **Ray Ewing** on “What is it like to be the U.S. Ambassador to Another Country: Priorities and Contributions.”

More speakers may be forthcoming. These talks will take place at 12:45 p.m. in the parish hall after the Sunday service.

### **THE FUTURE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: ONLINE WEBINAR**

All are welcome to attend this event that Good Shepherd will be hosting in our parish hall on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This webinar is brought to us by the department of Lifelong Learning at the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). We are invited to join in the thought-provoking panel discussion that will delve into envisioning a vibrant Episcopal Church, exploring the crucial role of formation and discipleship in nurturing Episcopal communities, and discovering actionable ways attendees can contribute to the flourishing of the Episcopal Church..

### **WALKING BY LIVING WATER**

On **Sat. May 18**, we will continue the practice of **Walking Meditation** at Cool Springs on the Shenandoah University River Campus, following the path down along the Shenandoah River. We will take time to stop by its shore and reflect on the presence and nature of the Holy in the great gift of life-giving water. What streams or wells of living water do our own spirits drink from? How are we sustained? Come, and bring a friend! We start at 10:30 a.m.

## OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our April donation of 70 pounds of food** consisted of nine dozen eggs, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, crackers, dried peas, macaroni, soup, peanut butter, and canned spaghetti/meatballs, beefaroni, fruit, and vegetables. On April 24, Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden distributed 36 “to-go” meals. **Donations for next month are due by Tuesday, May 28** and boxed meals will be given out on Wednesday, May 29.



### **GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*Senior Warden: Ray Ewing*

*Treasurer: Tim Hall*

*Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell*

*Clerk: Janet Locklear*



## PRAYERS

**Please continue to pray for our neighbors and for ways that our church can serve the community.**

***Friends and Family:*** Judi Floyd; Kevin Tapscott (Lois' nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Brian Allie (Christine's cousin); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy's great grandson); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Penelope Yungblut; George & Deb Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents); Judith Refo (Judy Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

**In thanksgiving** for the lives of Mary Decker (an author in Josette's writer community), February 19, 1963 – April 10, 2024; Floyd Hess "Billy" Dillon (lifelong local resident), March 28, 1931 – April 16, 2024; and Thomas Malcolm Coate (friend from St. Peter's), July 14, 1957 – April 30, 2024.

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***The Church:*** For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.

***In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,*** we pray today for St. Paul's, Haymarket. ***In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,*** we pray today for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil