



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

April 20, 2025 10:15AM

Easter Day

Reaffirmation of Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: The Day of Resurrection

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Toni DeVore

Lector: Vickie Bono

Acolytes: Yazmin Allander, Eva Crocker, Kaitlyn Foggin, Logan Houdyshell, Aubrey Smith

Minister of Music: Dennis Deem

Intercessor: Bob Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Vreuchten
setting, Ronald A. Nelson

Processional Hymn #207

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

Easter Hymn

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Hymn of Praise #205 (vs. 1-4) "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing" *Gelobt sei Gott*

The Collect of the Day

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

The people remain standing

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles. (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn #210

“The day of resurrection!”

Ellacombe

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:1-12)

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (*please kneel*)

Celebrant Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.

Intercessor Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer. Jesus Christ, great high priest, living forever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world and especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, our bishop, and for the clergy of this parish.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule; especially for areas of the world torn by war and conflict.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow, especially those on our prayer list and those who we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *(Pause)*

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service, especially for our ministry to the homeless and working poor in Parkersburg.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Offertory Anthem

“Love is Come Again”

NOEL NOUVELET
 setting, Jody W. Lindh

Doxology *(see back cover)*

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus # S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. Then the 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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.**

Fraction Hymn #S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Solo

“El Niño Precioso”

Bettye Ware

(Eva Crocker, soloist & Jennifer Ratliff, pianist)

Communion Hymn #178

“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”

Alleluia No. 1

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

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

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 God’s 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.**

Closing Hymn #180

“He is risen; he is risen!”

Unser Herrscher

The Dismissal

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

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

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able. Families with children may leave for egg hunt.

Postlude

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

We're Marching to Zion
setting, Ronald A. Nelson

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

(Please use this to pray for these people throughout the week)

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Forest Fire & Tornado Victims	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Charles Sterchak – healing	Kenny Wagner – healing
Jennifer Sheets – healing	Dave Rogers – healing	Bob Landefeld – healing
Joyce Haynes – eye safety & healing	Pam Shuman - healing	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss	Julia Lee	John Stevens	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	Wendy Meridith	Colleen Parsons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome this happy Easter Morning! Please join us in the Welcome Center for refreshments and fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt – To be held immediately after this service.

Easter Offering – This year's Easter Offering will be split between the **Open Sky Arts Collective** and the **Moon King Fund for Humanity**, a donor-advised fund at the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation.

- Open Sky members come to Parkersburg each summer to offer an art and sports-based Vacation Bible School to children in Good Shepherd's neighborhood. We provide the use of the building, and they provide all the rest: meals, art supplies, Bibles, t-shirts, shoes (as needed) and their own travel costs. They share God's love and joy with area youth through music, dance, painting, soccer and Bible study in a very caring and uplifting way.
- If you are on Facebook or read the paper, you may have heard of a local young adult named Moon King. He attends WVU Parkersburg full-time and also volunteers in the community by interacting with the homeless. He befriends the people he meets and distributes food, clothing and other necessities while also trying to help individuals improve their circumstances - getting them off the streets and into recovery or housing when possible. He pays for some of this with money he earns by singing, support from family and friends and the rest comes from people in the community giving him donations. A couple of months ago he set up a donor-advised fund at Parkersburg Community Foundation to make it easier for people to support his ministry. The Moon King Fund for Humanity is designed to support adversity and disaster relief programs that assist individuals facing unforeseen emergencies and hardships.

The **parish office will be closed** Monday, April 21st, in observance of Easter.

Open Altar Flower dates: April 27, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, June 1, 8 & 29. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.



EASTER FLOWERS
Given to the Glory of Almighty God

In Loving Memory of Molly Barnum Cigal, Ferdinand & Miriam Cigal, Fred & Shirley Barnum
By Greg Cigal

In Loving Memory of Bob & Charlotte Crocker, Don & Marion Beach, Jonathan Crocker and Hazel
Ginther
By Linda & Bob Crocker

In Loving Memory of Dr. George Gevas and Bryan Gevas
By Mary Gevas

In Loving Memory of Molly Cigal
By Yvon and Linda Girard

In Loving Memory of Fred, Libby & Frederick Christian Renner, III and Franklin, Earnestine &
Jim Harris
By Bob and Jane Harris

In Thanksgiving for our niece, Lily Yvonne, and the joy of celebrating her first Easter!
By Amber and Wade Hickman

In Loving Memory of Michael James, Laurence, Mary, & Rick James, Carrie Wigal and Nancy Burchard
By Ava and Larry James

In Memory of Loved Ones
By Jone and David Johnson

In Memory of Loved Ones
By Teresa Little

In Loving Memory of Dee Smith and our parents Florence & DaCosta Smith and Louise & Clete Simpson
By Tom and Linda Simpson

In Loving Memory of Mercer & Mary Lou Barrows, John & Eva Stevens, Emma Stevens and Joan Dameron
By John and Ann Stevens

In Loving Memory of Rebecca Winans, Roy Trembly and Jim Kessell II
By April Kessell

In Thanksgiving for their son's Brandon and Ryan
By Mike & Carla Werry

In Loving Memory of Helen Howes McGrory, Josephine Howes, Glenn and Carrie Bee, Mary Elizabeth Reed and Delores Bee
By Bob and Josie Wildi



Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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