



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

May 3, 2026 10:15AM

The Holy Eucharist: Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Greg Cigal

Lector: Yazmin Allander

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Dave Johnson

Welcome Center: Sally Harris, Amber Hickman

The Word of God

Prelude "Precious Lord, Take My Hand w/ In Christ Alone" arr. by Anna Laura Page

Processional Hymn (back page) "Canticle of the Turning" *Star of County Down*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Hymn of Praise (vs. 1,4) "In Christ Alone" Getty & Townend

VERSE

♩ = 60 A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm7 A^b/B^b

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm7 A^b/B^b

song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and
 babe! This gift of love and right-cous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose a-
 me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

8 E^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G B^b sus B^b E^b/G A^b Cm7

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
 save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-
 -gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 -ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His

12 B^b sus B^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm7 A^b/B^b E^b

cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 -fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 hand; Till He re-turms or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

INSTRUMENTAL

B^bm7 Fm7 E^b E^b sus E^b

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, 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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles (7:55-60)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
 deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
 make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
 for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
 for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
 for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in

order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn #487

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

The Call



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-14)

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(Congregation prays the parish prayer list aloud.)

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The war in the Mideast

Marcia Doyle – healing

Mary Gevas – healing

The People of Israel and Gaza

Brenda Pugh – healing

Peter Gevas – healing

The People of Ukraine

Ann Stevens– healing

Marlene Smith - healing

Victims of gun violence

Gene Allander - healing

Amanda Morris – healing

Jone Johnson – healing/strength

Buck Harris – strength/healing

Diane Cottrill – healing

Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Mirtala Smith

Alana Dailey

John Stevens

Lois Switzer

Everett Gilmore

Faith Beha

Gary Greer

Wilbur Lemmon

Charles Sterchak

Ellen Faymon

Rudi Miksa

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The people may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Peggy Roberts, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Offertory Anthem

“Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

Donald Fishel

Doxology (next page)

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!

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

Makeover

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. *Refrain*

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 children; 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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Music

“Near the Cross”

Lloyd Larson

Post Communion Hymn #711

“Seek Ye First”

Seek Ye First

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

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

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

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

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 the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Birthdays: Tom Simpson, Linda Simpson

Closing Hymn #525 (vs. 1-4)

“The Church’s one foundation”

Aurelia

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 seated for the postlude.

Postlude

“Sing Aloud to God Our Strength”

Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in Memory of Loved Ones by Greg Cigal.

Many Open Altar Flower dates: May 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 21, 28. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Juliets – This is a new dinner group which is open to the women of Good Shepherd and Trinity. They will meet on the first Tuesday of every month. This month they will meet on May 5th at 6 PM at Columbo’s Restaurant on 7th St. Please make your reservation by calling the office at Trinity by May 4th. That number is 304-422-3362.

Sunday, May 17 please join us as we welcome the Ven. Chris Thompson as our Celebrant while Katie Beth is away.

Heads Up: May 31st we will be worshipping at Trinity Church at 10:30 AM to celebrate Trinity Sunday. Bishop Matthew Cowden will be preaching and presiding. If you would like to be confirmed, please let Katie Beth know by May 10th.

Save the dates: Adult Education will return this summer on Wed. July 1, Wed. July 22, and Wed. Aug 12 starting at 6 and ending no later than 8pm. The format will be similar to the Lenten series--a potluck followed by activities and discussion. For more details, including the topic, please see this past week's edition of the Shepherd's Staff.

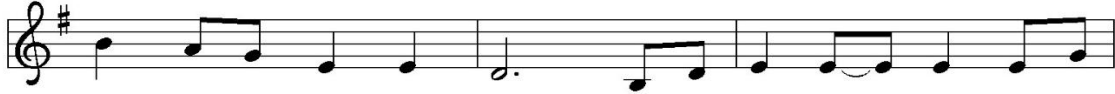
May 5 Give Local MOV

May 9 Postal Letter Carriers annual food collection

(Details of both these community support opportunities are in the latest edition of “The Shepherd’s Staff”.)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.