



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

March 15, 2026 10:15 AM

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Participants in the Service:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Bob Crocker

Lector: Yazmin Allander

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Linda & Tom Simpson

The Word of God

Prelude

“Cross of Sorrow”

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. George Blake

Opening Hymn #690

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

*Cwm Rhondda*

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant*

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.*

Kyrie #S96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

### Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
    and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
    Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
    at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
    though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
    "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
    "They shall not enter into my rest."

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-11)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love

for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

The Sequence Hymn

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

*Kingsfold*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav - ’ling days are done.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 4:5-42)

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you

have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*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. (led by Linda Crocker)*

*(Response for each prayer)*

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### **The Absolution**

*The priest says*

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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

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

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the most high.

Offertory Music

“I want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Spiritual

*(All stand when music concludes. Financial offerings brought forward as Celebrant says)*

*Celebrant* All things come from thee, O Lord.

*People* **Of thine own have we given thee.**

### **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*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* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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 (*Celebrant and People*)

Dimmock

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

*The people remain standing. Then the 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.**

*The 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 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant and People*

Fraction Hymn #S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he is us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

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

Communion Music "Abide With Me" arr. John Innes

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 10) (vs. 3-4) "Come ye souls by sin afflicted" Words: Joseph Swain  
(alt. Twit) Music: Kevin Twit

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Anniversaries and Birthdays: Karl Durst, Dennis Kingsley

**Solemn Prayer**

Bow down before the Lord. (*The people kneel.*)

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #686 "Come thou font" *Nettleton*

*The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Please remain for the postlude as you are able.*

Postlude "Kingsfold"

Post Communion Hymn (vs. 3-4) "Come ye souls by sin afflicted"

Words: Joseph Swain  
(alt. Twit) Music: Kevin Twit

Em D/F# G Em D/F#

1. Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sorr - ow  
 2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear - it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see - Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened

4 G C Em C

down; By the bro - ken law con vic - ted, Through the cross, be - hold the  
 sweet Christ will give you strength to bear - it, While His grace shall guide your  
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust - Him, And in Him a - lone re -  
 eyes, Like full springs in, de - serts drea - ry, Is the rest the cross supp -

8 D C Em G D

crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through  
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed  
 joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be - come their  
 lies; All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest imm -

12 C D G

Him a - lone. \_\_\_\_\_  
 cap - tives meet. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ha - ppy choice. \_\_\_\_\_  
 or - tal rise. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Take His  
 3. Bless - ed  
 4. Sweet as

## Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The war in the Mideast	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Ann Stevens– healing	Margy Yocum – healing
Victims of gun violence	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Crystal Proper – healing	Julie Stover - healing	Nicole Combs – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Bob Fielder – healing	Vicki Fielder - healing	

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*  
Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

### *Those needing healing from cancer*

Hal Foss	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Mirtala Smith
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Wilbur Lemmon	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday nights in Lent:** Join your church community for a potluck meal on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM followed by a program with Katie Beth “Walking As Jesus”. We will explore how in our work, volunteering, or even in the grocery store, we can practice being Jesus to and for other people. We will finish by 8 PM.

**Rummage News** – Deb is back working on the change over from winter to spring. She welcomes donations of household goods, especially bedding, and small furniture items, as well as spring clothing. The first sale of 2026 will be April 10 & 11.

**Easter Flowers** – The Easter Flowers deadline is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to give money for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event or person in your life, please place your Easter Flowers envelope or check in the offering plate or let Ginger know in the office. In the memo section, please write “Easter Flowers”. Remember to write a separate check from your pledge, since these go into two different checking accounts. Be sure to enclose a note as to what you would like printed in the bulletin insert. There is no set dollar amount for Easter Flowers.

**Easter Offering** – This year’s Easter offering will be split between Open Sky Arts Collective and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). The Open Sky Arts Collective offers a week-long Vacation Bible School for kids with a focus on the arts and sports. ERD partners with locally led organizations to promote lasting change in communities in the US and around the world impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Please donate using your Easter envelope or by check with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

### Holy Week Schedule:

- March 29      **Palm Sunday** at 10:15 AM  
                  **Last Sunday Supper** – cooking at 1 PM, serving at 5 PM
- April 2        **Maundy Thursday**  
                  Service of Holy Communion & Foot Washing at 7 PM  
                  Watch Vigil begins at 9 PM
- April 3        **Good Friday**  
                  Watch Vigil ends at Noon  
                  Stations of the Cross at Noon  
                  Good Friday Service at 7 PM  
                  *(with Communion from the reserved sacraments)*
- April 4        **Easter Vigil, Service of Easter at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd**  
                  *(choral music from combined choir with Trinity)*
- April 5        **Easter Day Service at 10:15 AM**  
                  followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt**