

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

April 21, 2024 8 AM &10:15 AM The Holy Eucharist: Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lou Hays 8 AM: Lector, Chalicist & Intercessor: Greg Cigal 10:15 AM: Lector: Eva Crocker, Yazmin Allander Acolytes: Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith Welcome Center: Linda Crocker, Vickie Bono

Organist/Pianist: Dennis Deem Chalicist: Bob Crocker Intercessor: Linda Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude	"Benedictus from Ten Program Solos"	Gordon Young
Processional Hymn #645 (10:15)	"The King of love my shepherd is"	St. Columba

The people standing, the Celebrant saysCelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

The Gloria #S280	Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
(sung at 10:15)	Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
	we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you 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.

The Collect of the Day

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

The people remain standing.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23 (in unison)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
 - I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

ReaderThe word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn #343 (10:15) "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" St. Agnes

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:11-18)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lou Hays

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, Form III (led by Greg Cigal at 8AM & Linda Crocker at 10:15 AM)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, for Lou our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; *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, Jim and Mike our Governors, and for our local elected officials. *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*.

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially Jone, Deb, Vickie, Becky, Colleen, Marcia, Peggy, Larry, Diane, David, Chris, Sally, Carolyn, Eric, Peter, Mary, Ann, Dee, Ginger, Sterling, Joee, Lauren, Peter, Glen, Judy, Tabitha, Steve, Alana, Tammy, Jean, David, Doris, Sherry, Paul, John, Jean, Nancy, Dave, the People of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine and any others we might name, either silently or aloud.

(Pause)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud. (*Pause*)

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 give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, for the birthdays of Jacob Townsend and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud. (*Pause*)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Good Shepherd, Hansford and for our parish.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God in memory of Loved Ones by Greg Cigal.

Please join me in the Prayer for the Transition.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessings upon this parish. Pour out your Holy Spirit to guide us and the Discernment Committee through this sacred time of transition. Be with us as we plan for the future of our parish. Grant us wisdom, patience, and strength in this journey to find a new shepherd. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the peopleCelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

"O Welt, ich muss dich lassen"

J.S. Bach

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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 (8AM)	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.	
Sanctus # S130	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,	
(sung at 10:15)	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,	
	Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.	
	Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.	
	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.	
	Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.	

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;Response:Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Hymn #341 (10:15) "For the bread which you have broken" Omni die

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*.

Recessional Hymn #708 (10:15)"Savior, like a shepherd lead us"Sicilian MarinersThe Celebrant, dismisses the people with these wordsSicilian Mariners

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks 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.Postlude"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

B Wayne Bisbee

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

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

The People of Israel and Gaza The People of Ukraine Carolyn Beach – broken elbow Jone Johnson – healing/strength Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing Vickie Dilley – healing/strength Colleen Parsons – strength/healing Nancy Summerville – healing Pat Amos - peace Marcia Doyle – healingEPeggy Roberts - healingPLarry Hand—healingMDiane Cottrill – healingADavid Cottrill - healingDChris Heckman – healingCBecky Winans –healingSJean Snyder - healingD

Eric Dailey – healing Peter Gevas – healing Mary Gevas – healing Ann Stevens– healing Dee Milhoan – healing Ginger Smith – healing Sally Davis – healing Dave Rogers – hospitalized

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

	Those needing healing from cancer				
Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Sherry Shepler		
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Paul Rutledge		
Tabitha Arceneaux	Doris Lowe	John Stevens			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Interim Rector will be leading an **adult forum** starting today and continuing through the last Sunday of May. We will gather between services starting around 9 am and continuing for about 45 minutes in the Junior High room. Today's topic will be a discussion of the results of last week's Envisioning Our Future and the next steps in the search process. On Sunday, April 28 our topic will be "Everything you ever wanted to know about our worship space." Lou will lead a field trip to the church to fill you in on such pressing questions as, "what is an Ambry?" and "what do we call the space around the altar? Questions about why he does what he does during the liturgy will also be in order.

Open Altar Flower dates: Two vases are available on April 28, May 12 & 26. One vase is available on May 5 & 19. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

First Quarter Pledge Statements are available for you to pick up today in the Narthex.

Last Sunday Supper – next Sunday, April 28. Your help is needed if you can spare some time.