



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

April 5, 2026 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: Bob Crocker

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Sally Harris, Amber Hickman

The Word of God

Prelude

“Low in the Grace He Lay”

Robert Lowry
Arr. by Lani Smith

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. 1-2) "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.**

Psalms 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 Colossians (3:1-4)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 John 20:1-18.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father

and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

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.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem

“Easter Hodie”

Donald Hustad

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!

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 Hymn #178 “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord” *Alleluia No. 1*

Communion Music “God So Loved the World” John Stainer
Arr. Rob Roy Perry

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 “Easter Celebration Medley” Garry Lanier

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

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

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

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

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 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.

The **parish office will be closed** Monday, April 6th, in observance of Easter. Linda will be out of the office April 7 through April 10. Ginger will be out of the office on April 9.

New Parish Telephone Directories are available in the Welcome Center. Please take only one.

Open Altar Flower dates: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 21, 28. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

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.

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EASTER FLOWERS
Given to the Glory of Almighty God

In Loving Memory of Molly Cigal
By Greg Cigal

In Loving Memory of Molly Cigal
By Linda and Yvon Girard

In Loving Memory of David Cooper
By Carolynne Cooper

In Memory of Loved Ones
By Yvonne and Chuck Corra

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

In Loving Memory of David L. Cottrill
By Diane Cottrill

In Loving Memory of George and Bryan Gevas and other Loved Ones
By Mary Gevas

In Loving Honor of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
By Mary Gevas

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

In Thanksgiving for our great nephew Jack's first Easter and for the joy and new life God has given to our family.

By Wade and Amber Hickman

In Loving Memory of her son, Steven Gaines

By June Hill

In Loving Memory of Laurence, Mary, Michael, & Richard James, Carrie Wigal and Nancy Burchard

By Ava and Larry James

In Memory of Loved Ones

By Teresa Little

In Loving Memory of my father, George Gevas and brother, Bryan Gevas

By Denise Gevas Orem

In grateful appreciation of my mother, Mary Gevas, brothers, children and grandchildren

By Denise Gevas Orem

In Loving Memory of Clete & Louise Simpson, DaCosta & Florence Smith and Dee Smith

By Linda and Tom Simpson

In Loving Memory of Sara Deem and Emogene Smith

By Toni DeVore and Joe Smith

In Loving Memory of Mercer & Mary Lou Barrows, John & Eva Stevens and Emma Stevens

By Ann and John Stevens

In Loving Memory of Carl & Jean Will, Charles & Ernestine Werry, James & Karen Werry and Wes Gilkey

By Carla and Mike Werry

In Loving Memory of her brother, Martin A. McGrory

By Josie Wildi

