THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

APRIL 12, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

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ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card, please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary Ode (Ballad) Andy Villemez

American composer and pedagogue Andy Villemez has written a number of miniatures for solo piano. This "Ode (Ballad)" is reflective with jazz influences.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain St. Kevin

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

The Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

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.**

Canticle 20: Hymnal S 278 Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
4 you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
7 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel & Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson — Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

> 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

> 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response (*read responsively by half verse*) — Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

[1] Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

[2] All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

[3] But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

[4] Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

[5] O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

[6] My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

[7] I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

[8] I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

[9] My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

[10] For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

[11] You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 193 That Easter day with joy was bright Puer nobis

The Gospel **John 20:19-31**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Sermon The Reverend Justin Gabbard

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form VI BCP, p. 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
All **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
All **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
All **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Sara, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
All **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

All **Amen**

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Meditation on Easter Hymn Michael Bedford

See Hymnal 207

Presentation Hymn Doxology with Alleluias Lasst uns erfreuen

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

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…

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: Hymnal S 128

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant … Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 369 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 154 Christ our Passover

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation and Communion BCP, p. 364

All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- *To receive a gluten-free host, simply ask the deacon or priest.*
- *To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.*
- *To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.*

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight St. Botolph

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing

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.**

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 210 The day of resurrection! Ellacombe

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Closing Voluntary Carillon Louis Vierne

This joyful piece by Louis Vierne is reminiscent of bell carillons; the pedals have a repeated pattern throughout most of the piece, with chords played in the manuals.

Serving Today

Ushers	Joe Aldridge and Kay Stallings
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Quincy Swindell, Callin Fee, and Mason Livengood
Lectors	Ian Finley and Harry Johnson
Intercessor & Chalicist	Rob Robinson
Livestream and Sound	Michael Burkhart and Sam DeShong
Altar Guild	Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris and Sue Lavalla, Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan
Flower Guild	Lisa Jennings

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ralph Sanders in loving memory ofhis wife, Ann Elizabeth Sanders, and in thanksgiving their sons, Sandy & Ben, and their families.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; Anne and Pete Crum; Dave Bowman ; Elise Abernathy; Michael Smith; Michael Blake; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; the people of the Middle East; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

We give thanks for the birth of Bennett Gray Sharp, child of Chas Sharp and Savannah Twiggs and grandchild of Ed Sharp.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Deborah Ann Cooke.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon, and Karen Pursley.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Greensboro; St. Barnabas', Greensboro; and St. Francis', Greensboro.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola).

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Announcements for Sunday, April 12th

Today

In addition to today's services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15 AM

8:30 AM - 12 Noon

Nursery Care Available (infant-5 yo)

9 AM

- Kids Sunday School (5 yo-5th grade)
- Green Team Meeting in the Parlor
- Adult Formation
  - Join Rev. Justin in Room 323 on April 12, 19, and 26 for the ***Philadelphia Eleven Film Series*****.** During each session, we will watch a portion of the film and then discuss the theological and pastoral issues it raises.
  - Join us Sunday morning in Room 303 as **Debbie Moyer** continues to lead our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

11:30 AM

Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by Shirley Sullivan and her family to celebrate Ariel and her retirement from pet therapy!

5:30-7:30 PM

EYC

Advocacy Day Postcards are Due April 15th!

Episcopalians across the Diocese of North Carolina are once again invited to add their voices to those meeting in person with legislators. You can do this by taking part in the Advocacy Day 2026 postcard campaign. **Please note that postcards are due by Wednesday, April 15th.**

You may pick up your postcard at the front desk in the PLC foyer. Write a note to your NC legislator and then drop the postcard in the kids' USPS mailbox located in front of the front desk. Please submit your postcard (either to the Parish Office or to Diocesan House) by **Wednesday, April 15th**

Don't Forget!

Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open!

VBS 2026 for children pre-K through 5th grade will take place June 15-18, 9 AM-12 Noon. To register your child(ren) please visit the parish website or the parish newsletter.

Psst! Adult & youth volunteers are needed to make VBS a success! If you'd like to help out, visit the same VBS form as the kids on the parish website and in the parish newsletter. Thank you!

Join the Green Team for the League of Women Voter's 2026 Environment Committee Timely Topics Event – "*Water, Water Everywhere*"

- Date: **Thursday, April 23, 2026, 12:00 - 1:30 PM**
- Location: Highland United Methodist Church, Bradley Hall, 1901 Ridge Road
- Content: Water in Wake County, with regard both to quality and quantity

Contact: Eve Vitaglione (evelione9@gmail.com)

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