

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025 AT 10:15 AM



## 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

**Processional Hymn:** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

**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

## Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 280

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

## The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

*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 5: 27-32**

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Response

## Psalm 118: 14-29

### *Confitemini Domino*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)

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.  
25 Hosannah, Lord, hosanna! \*  
Lord, send us now success.  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns  
of the altar.  
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## The Second Lesson

## Revelation 1:4-8

*Lector* A reading from the Revelation to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Hymnal 204

## The Gospel

John 20:19-31

*Deacon* 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Sallie Simpson, Dcn.

## The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Enlighten Sam and Jennifer our bishops and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Bless and keep all your people.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant adds a closing 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 Hymn:** The day of resurrection!

Hymnal 210

**Presentation Hymn:** Doxology with Alleluias

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures her below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

BCP, p. 369

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus:** Holy, holy, holy Lord

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. 371*

*Celebrant* ...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* ...make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, p. 364

**The Fraction Anthem:** Christ our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Invitation and Communion**

**All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.**

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?** *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)?** *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

**Where can I go to receive only the bread?** *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

**Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread?** *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

**Where can I go to receive a blessing?** *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

**How can I ask for communion to be brought to me?** *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

**Communion Hymns:**

We walk by faith, and not by sight

Hymnal 209

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymnal 305

### **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. 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Hymnal 212

### **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**

**Please Join Us for Fellowship Time Immediately Following This Service!**



### **Serving Today**

Ushers	Karen and John Boyne
Vergers	David Roten
Acolytes	Noah Swindell, Quincy Swindell, Noah Scanlon, Libby Boyne, and Frankie Scanlon
Lectors	Phyllis Vail and Rich Leonard
Intercessor & Chalcist	Jennifer Tlusty
Flower Guild	Anne Doster
Livestream & Sound	Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong

### **Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by  
Marsha and Tony Sample in loving memory of John and Martha McLaughlin and by  
Bit Hardy in loving memory of her husband, Dicky Hardy, and  
her parents and in thanksgiving for her children and grandchildren.

### **The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List**

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders;  
Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton;  
William Short; Paul Hoch; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew;  
Janet Watrous; Jerry Smith; Branch Alexander; Bob Kirchgessner;  
Josephine Placa; Caitlin Carter-Corker; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal;  
Josephine Currin; Margaret Park; Carol Monahan;

The Bormann and Mogilski Families; The Phillips Family; The Kinsella Family;  
the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia;  
victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom,  
remembering especially Joseph Allen Phillips, John Kinsella, and His Holiness Pope Francis.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for  
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, and St. John's, Henderson.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

### **Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online**

Use the QR code to the right to give online. Open your phone's camera,  
point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.



## Announcements for Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

*Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!*

### Today

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

- ☐ 8:30-12 Noon
  - ☐ **Nursery Care available for children up to 4 yo**
- ☐ At 9 AM
  - ☐ **Sunday School for Kids (4-12 yo)**
  - ☐ **Adult Bible Study led by Debbie Moyer (Room 303).  
Contact: Debbie Moyer  
(debbiemoyer2008@yahoo.com)**
- ☐ During the 10:15 Service
  - ☐ **Children's Chapel & Godly Play**
- ☐ 11:30 AM
  - ☐ **Fellowship Time**
  - ☐ **Daughters of the King Discernment Class (Room 403)**
- ☐ 5:30 PM
  - ☐ **EYC**

### Would You Like to Donate Altar Flowers?

The following Sundays are available: **June 8** and **October 19**.  
For more information, please contact  
**Molly Propst at 919.523.8142.**

### Calendar at a Glance

*Please see the parish newsletter for details*

April 2025	
28	Vestry Meeting 6-8 PM
30	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
May 2025	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOK Healing Prayers at 8 and 10:15 AM</li> <li>• Green Team Meeting at 9 AM (Parlor)</li> <li>• Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch</li> </ul>
7	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
9	Green Team Tour of South Wake Landfill
10	Pig Pickin'
11	Good Shepherd Sunday & Youth Sunday
14	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
19	Vestry Meeting
20	Springmoor Eucharist at 11 AM
21	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
26	Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day
28	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
31	VBS Registration Closes

### Please Don't Forget... Advocacy Day 2025 Postcard Campaign

As part of Advocacy Day 2025, 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 2025 postcard campaign.

You may pick up your postcard from the bulletin board located in the PLC's front entrance. Write a note to your NC legislator and then drop it in the mailbox directly below the bulletin board. ***Please submit your postcard by May 1st.*** Meredith Swindell will collect the postcards and return them to Diocesan House.

For more information about Advocacy Day, including suggested guidelines for postcards and sample text, please read more at <https://www.episdionc.org/advocacy-day-2025-postcard-campaign>

## Hey Kids! Let's Go to Egypt!

Vacation Bible School, June 23-26

Registration is Now Open!

Visit [cgs-raleigh.org/vbs](http://cgs-raleigh.org/vbs) for more information!

**Please remember...VBS registration closes May 31<sup>st</sup>!**

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 919.831.2000.

### Monthly Men's Fellowship Lunch – Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Men's Fellowship Lunches take place on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at **12 NOON** at High Park Grill (625 E. Whitaker Mill Road). Come enjoy lively fellowship and a reasonably priced meal--no reservation is required and everyone is welcome! **Contact: Jack Boyne ([jackboyne54@gmail.com](mailto:jackboyne54@gmail.com) OR 919.832.3641)**

### An Invitation from the Green Team – Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a FREE, exclusive tour of the South Wake Landfill to find out how Wake County Waste Management Division safeguards the environment and public health by safely disposing of over 1.1 million people's garbage.

#### Details:

- **When:** Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 10:30am – tour lasts approximately 90 minutes
- **Where:** We will meet at the South Wake Landfill (6330 Old Smith Road, Apex NC). Once there we will board a bus with an environmental educator for a riding tour of the South Wake Solid Waste Management Facility.
- **Whom do I contact to sign up:** Beth Hahn (919-274-0660)

### Don't Miss the Annual Mike Beard Pig Pickin'!

**When:** Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 PM

**Where:** Tara Farm at 715 Newton Road, Raleigh 27615

This family-friendly BBQ and picnic is one of our parish's signature fellowship events of the year. This year, the *Pig Pickin'* returns to Tara Farm, a majestic horse farm owned by the Pugh Family, our gracious hosts. Located off Falls of Neuse Road next to Ravenscroft School, Tara's reception facility boasts a beautiful open-air pavilion, a pond with a sand beach, and all the natural beauty you could want. An ideal event for families, the *Pig Pickin'* will feature organized kids' activities, field games, and a bounce house. Young people will also enjoy exploring the expansive grounds at Tara Farm.

If you are planning to attend the 2025 *Pig Pickin'*, please sign up via the parish newsletter or on the parish website. While this event is free to all, donations are welcome. Also, don't hesitate to invite your family and friends to join the festivities. On the registration page, you can also sign up to contribute to the potluck and/or volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up, and kids games.



### Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Come Celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday!

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please don't miss this special Sunday as we celebrate our parish, recognize our youth, and welcome those who have joined the parish during the past year!

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