

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025 AT 10:15 AM



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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: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182

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,
and peace to his people on earth. | 6 | For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 2 | Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 7 | you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 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. | | |

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 9:1-20

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his

sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to
the grave.
4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of
an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains."
8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go
down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare
your faithfulness?
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me
with joy.
+13 Therefore my heart sings to you
without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Will you come and follow me

Wonder, Love, and Praise 757

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

nev-er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev-er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev-er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev-er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev-er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. | 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

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 Anthem: Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep

Setting: Philip Ledger

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand. I would bless thee ev'ry day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above, Happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before my Father's throne I shall know, I shall know, I shall know as I am known.

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

During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available in the Bride's Room (the small room at the back of the church, beside the narthex) to pray with anyone desiring prayers.

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:

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Hymnal 323

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal 334

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: Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hymnal 460

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 our monthly Community Lunch and Fellowship Time immediately following this service. Everyone is invited, and all are welcome!

Serving Today

Ushers Dan Harris and Kay Stallings

Vergers Evan Meade

Acolytes David Roten and Caryl Fuller

Lectors Jason Hingerton and Todd Poston

Intercessor & Chalcist Brother Paul Henry, OSF

Livestream & Sound Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Julie, Steve and Charlie Lowe in loving memory of Matthew Joseph Lowe.

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; Margaret Park; Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Caitlin Carter-Corker; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Josephine Currin; Carol Monahan; Katie Beaudoin; Diane Pergerson; John Hitch; 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.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Christopher's, High Point; St. Mary's, High Point; and St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

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