

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 11, 2025

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn

*No. 193*

That Easter day with joy was bright: the sun shone out with fairer light  
when to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed, his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Easter-tide;  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

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*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen  
*People* The 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.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The following is said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

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 First Lesson**

**Acts 9:36-42**

A Reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

*Psalm 23*

- 1     The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
      I shall not be in want.
- 2     He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
      and leads me beside still waters.
- 3     He revives my soul \*  
      and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4     Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
      for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5     You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
      you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6     Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the of my life, \*  
      and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*A Reading from the Book of Revelation*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life and our true light,  
We seek the peace your love imparts, and stand rejoicing in your sight.

We taste in you our living bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
We drink of you the fountainhead, our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn where'er our chanting lot is cast;  
Glad when your presence we discern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.

O Jesus, with us ever stay; make all our moments calm and bright;  
Oh, chase the night of sin away, shed o're the world your holy light.

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**The Holy Gospel**

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

## 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

*All remain standing.*

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence: Father keep us: Jesus, lead us.

Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, you wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

Good shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever.

Father, keep us;  
People: *Jesus, lead us.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

## Announcements

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker, para of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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*

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 people kneel. 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 [\_\_\_\_\_and] 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

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

## **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## Communion Hymn

No. 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Words: James Montgomery

Music: St. Agnes, John Bacchus Dykes, harm Richard Proulx

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together say*

Almighty and ever living 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.

## Festal Easter Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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 180

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander  
Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

## Notes and Announcements May 11, 2025

### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Church of the Good Shepherd in Berlin and Pitman; The Revs:  
Marco Serrano, Margaret Sterchi

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Organist and Choir Director ...

For Our sons and daughters in the military for Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia,  
Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, Margie, David R., Bill, Virginia,  
Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Lois M.,  
Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Patty, Marissa, Judy.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Frances Wolfgang given by Paul Wolfgang.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein who is with us for this joyous celebration and whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 18 – Sunday School & Youth Fellowship, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 23 – Strawberry Preparation, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 24 – Collingswood May Fair

### And Next Month...

- Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday
- Saturday, June 28 – Collingswood House & Garden Tour



**COLLINGSWOOD MAY FAIR IS COMING SOON!!** - The crowds will be back on Haddon Avenue and we're going to need as many hands on deck as possible on **Saturday, May 24** to help with the May Fair strawberries and ice cream sale and the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraising and outreach events of 2025!

**Your help is needed!** Please add your name to the signup sheet in the back or contact Carol Staszewski (856-207-9221) to let us know what time you're available to volunteer! The event schedule looks like this:

Fri. 5/23: 7:00 PM – Strawberry slicing & dicing

Sat. 5/24: 9 AM – Set up, cashiers, greeters, etc.

11 AM – to 2 PM – Scooping ice cream & strawberries

3:00 PM – Clean up

**Thank you for volunteering!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** – Meets the first and third Sundays of each month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a children’s chapel service, followed by snacks and age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through middle school. Check the Sunday bulletin each week for updates.

***ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS*** will now be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491. **We will meet the third Sunday (May 18<sup>th</sup>) this month because of Mother’s Day being on the Second Sunday.**

***UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM*** – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

***ONLINE GIVING*** – To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission