



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn

“Alleluia”

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria

(To be sung only by Music Director)

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 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.*

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!

2 **It is like fine oil upon the head ***
 that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

All stand as you are able.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Celebrant 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."

**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.***

Prayers of the People (IV)

DEACON

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

LAY READER

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Remembering especially Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop;

Chip Stokes, our Bishop; Deacon Fran Clark, our supply Deacon; and Lou Durham, our Music Minister; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Remembering especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

DEACON

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We ask for your Grace upon Good Shepherd Mission, that you will supply our material needs, and guidance for our church.

Upon all those in our military, especially Collin McCafferty, Nickolette McCafferty, Ted Chavis, Jimmy Sheridan, John Groenveld, Reed Mikkelson, Sean Dinn, Kevin Mattocks, Walter Wells, Sean Merritt, Nicholas DeMaria, Jonathan DeMaria,

Dalton Anders, Kirk O'Connell, Nicholas Cadet, Matthew Torre, Joseph Hodges, Aiden Borden, Keith Taylor, John Kirkbride, Felix Perez, Izak Montoya, Ruben Costelano-Gomez, and Dave Niglio.

--Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

We give thanks to you for the continued growth of the Good Shepherd Family. And for the privilege of being part of the more than 100 years this church has faithfully served our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For the birthdays of: Frank Finkbeiner, Lou Durham, Bernice Finkbeiner, Patricia Schaffer, and Anne Nottle.

For the anniversary of: NONE

For the pregnancies of: NONE

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

LAY READER

Comfort and heal all those on our prayer list: Fran Clark, Elizabeth Follis, Geanine Lamberger, Judy Molway, Patty & Keith McCauly, Maria Caravelli, Donna Zimmer, Joey Majarowitz, Darlene Watson, Kristel Wister, the King family, George Makin, Angelina Luciano, Jim Haverstick, Keith Peckham, Tom Carter, Tanya Rainey, Richard Miller Sr., Sally Stockman, Sara Ropski, Leo Magee, Kim McCafferty, Gisala Simon, Bernard and Jackie Williams, Sandy, Louis Budike, Carmen Santiago, Jose Lopez Jr., Carol Rafferty, Diane Pachini, Michael Hubel, Veronica, Janine and Regina McNulty, Elizabeth Watson and family, Ted Hardy, John,

Russell Hand, John Collier, Jason Rosado, Alice Williams, for the nation of Lebanon during this time of upheaval, Bob Nottle, AnneMarie & Lance Nottle, Mackenzie; for all teachers, students, administrators back in school; for the 30.8 million Americans and the 131 million people worldwide who have COVID-19, and all the people working on the front lines during this pandemic.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy, all who have died, especially Trish Capper and the 2.85 million people worldwide from the Coronavirus, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Confession of Sin *(celebrant and people)*

**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.**

Celebrant:

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.*

The Peace

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

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIOCESAN GUIDELINES, PLEASE
REMAIN SEATED IN YOUR PEWS AND ACKNOWLEDGE
THOSE AROUND YOU. THANK YOU.**

Announcements

We will be participating in Berlin's town wide yard sale on Saturday, May 1, rain date, Sunday, May 2, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Spaces are \$15 each. Bring your own table, towel or tarp. Contact Darlene Watson 856-206-2541 or Lillian Knott 856-767-7994 if you are interested in a spot.

If you are watching from home, you may give the church your donation online by visiting **[ww.goodshepherdberlin.com](http://www.goodshepherdberlin.com)**, or you may continue to mail in your collection to the church at 108 W. Broad Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009, or just drop it through the mail slot. We thank you for your continued kindness.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (A)

(All stand as you are able.)

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 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(To be sung by Music Director only)*

**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 stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(to be sung by Music Director Only)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing. *(to be sung by the Music Director only)*

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.**

Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The bread is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn 1

“In Remembrance”

Communion Hymn 2

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Recessional Hymn

“Swing Low”

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

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

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIOCESAN
GUIDELINES, WHEN THE SERVICE IS CONCLUDED,
THE CELEBRANT WILL BE UNABLE TO GREET THE
CONGREGANTS. PLEASE EXIT THE CHURCH IN A
SAFE MANNER AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.**

Thank you for joining us today. Please remember to register weekly if you plan to attend worship in person. You may also listen via Zoom or watch on YouTube if you won't be attending in person.

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