Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Sue Jenks

Altar Servers: Dave Boyd and Beth Hatcher

Ushers: Todd Knape and Steve Long

Greeter: Barbara Popejoy

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go!"
By: Albert L. Peace

~Processional Hymn #379~ "God Is Love; Let Heaven Adore Him"



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Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

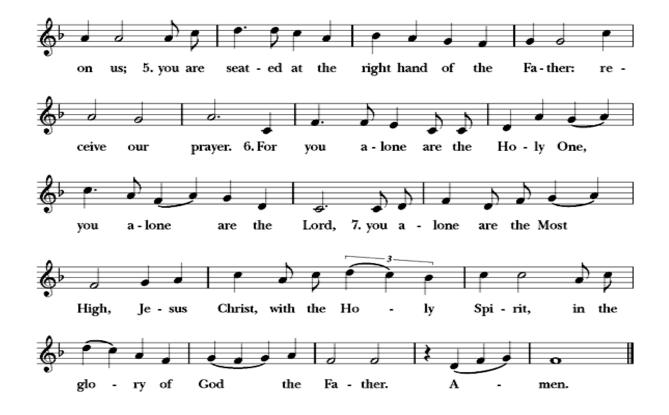
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: (shout) The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

~Gloria S#280~





Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Lessons A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22; 24-30 (Read In Unison)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading From The First Letter Of John

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

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*.

~Prayers Of The People~ #199 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"



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Prayers of the People

Celebrant

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Lector: For the peace of the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Syria and Turkey, Sudan, and the Middle East for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God*.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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*.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offering

The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.

~Offertory Anthem~

"Blessed Assurance" By: Phoebe P. Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit,

washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;

I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long, all the day long.

The Doxology



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

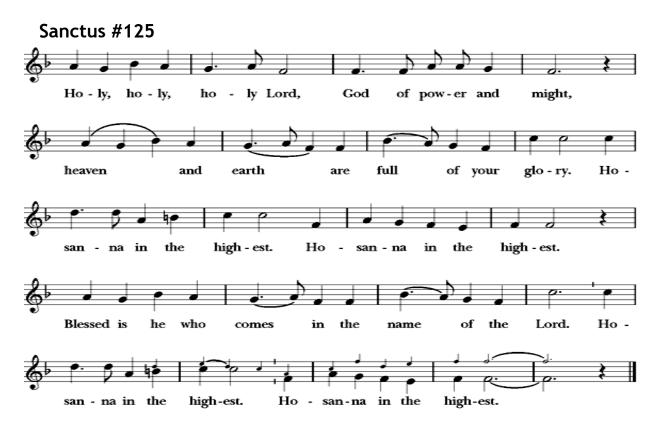
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or 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 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*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *Celebrant and People:*

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Fraction Anthem S#155



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on

[lake them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive communion.



~Communion Hymn~ "Let Us Break Bread Together" By: Carl Haywood

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 Priest gives the blessing:

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #296~ "We Know That Christ Is Raised And Dies No More"



Text: Romans 6:4, 9; John B. Geyer, b.1932, © Tune: ENGELBERG, 10 10 10 with alleluia; Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

~Postlude~

"Trumpet Tune" By: Henry Purcell



Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis, Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo, Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Riley Gillam, Mike Selinsky, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan, The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Celeste V., Lenore, Helen, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Ginny Montoya, Charles, Katie, Linda, Aaron Parson, Bill Turner, John, Donna LaMar, Hank Zolkiewicz, The Family and Friends of Lauri, Jill, Anthony Nassimos, Gracia, Lynn, Deb, Patrick, Charles Shillingburg, Friends and Family of Jeff, Vivian, Friends and Family of Dale DeGroat, John Rigolizzo, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley, Friends and Family of Claire Witt, Sharon Jonas

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett,
Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight,
Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole,
John A. Malley-Garza, Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite,
Blake Henderson Jr., David Allen Slockett, Bryson Henderson,
Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)

Welcome Reverend Kim!

The Vestry hosted a lovely Coffee Hour for Reverend Kim's first Sunday. Thank you to the Vestry for hosting, to everyone who helped set up and take down and to everyone who came out to welcome our new rector!



We have two new angels in our Columbarium! These angels were from Jane Spaulding's home. We know she would be so happy they have found a new home here with her Good Shepherd of the Hills Family. One of the Angels is missing a wing and we need to have it replaced. Do you know of anyone who can make a new tin wing?

If so please contact Elayne. Thank you in

advance!



Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour! If you are interested in being a host please sign up on the sheet inside Maitland Hall.

What's A Coffee Hour Host?

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)

Care Shelf!

The Food and Fellowship Ministry has graciously loaded a shelf in the new freezer full of home-made and store bought meals. If you are needing a meal for yourself, a sick friend, or family member please feel free to take a meal from the shelf!

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Good Shepherd Youth Group Change Drive!

Thank you to all that have participated in our Chapel Rock Change Drive! So far we have raised \$269.00 from the all change received!! Please keep saving and bringing in your jars, every bit helps and is so very appreciated!



Children's/Youth Ministry Upcoming Events!

Hi everyone! We are still raising money for our Chapel Rock donation drive. Chapel Rock is an important way for our Good Shepherd youth group kids to make memories and grow in their faith.

The Youth Group has also planned several fundraising events to help raise funds!

May 5th— Car Wash at the Church May 19th— Bake Sale During Coffee Hour

Also, we still have empty jars if you are interested in saving your change! You can pick them up in the Narthex and in Maitland Hall.

Thank you in advance for all your support!



The Autism Support Group meets on the third Monday of every month. If you or someone you know would benefit please join us, all are welcome. You can register in advance at www.PHX.autism.org.



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