Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Second Sunday In Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025
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 Youth and 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: Debbie Shields and Lynn Walsh Ushers: Dave Cantelme and Bob Pope

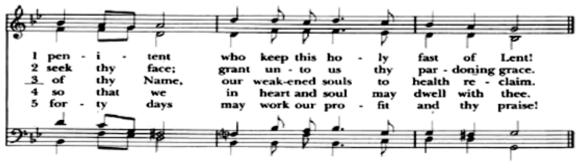
Greeter: Audra Botwin

~Prelude~ "O Word Of God Incarnate"

By: Edward Broughton

~Processional Hymn~ #152~ "Kind Maker Of The World, O Hear"





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Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue (the people kneel)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant says:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

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: 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.

~Hymn of Praise~ Kyrie S#96

Kyrie Sung



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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Book Of Genesis

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 27 (Read In Unison)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
 the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; ' do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

A Reading From Paul's Letter To the Philippians

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #631~

"Book Of Books, Our People's Strength" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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~ P# 113 "Oh, How He Loves You And Me"



Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

Leader: We pray for the whole church, Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Jennifer, clergy, all leaders, ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

People: and cleanse us from our sin.

Leader: We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who are elected to govern the people. Purge us from our sin, **People: and we shall be pure.**

Leader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head, especially we pray for our military, and all those serving in areas of conflict. Help them to feel your love,

People: and sustain them with your mercy.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. We especially pray for those on our prayer list who have asked for our prayers. Give them the joy of your saving help,

People: and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Leader: In this season of Lent, we pray for those who are preparing for baptism and reconciling their differences that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you. Create in us clean hearts.

People: and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: We pray for those who have died and entered the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Bring them into your presence,

People: and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Leader: 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.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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; Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding prayer led by the Celebrant:

Lord Jesus, you were led into the wilderness only to be tempted for forty days. We pray that you will accept our fervent prayers and lead us to worship and boldly serve you, this day and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Offering (The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

~Offertory Anthem~

"Come Home" By: Ann Laura Page

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals, He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Jesus is calling the weary to rest, calling to day, calling today; bring Him your burden and you will be blessed; He will not turn you away. Calling today, calling today, Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

O! For the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary come home. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, come home, come home.



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

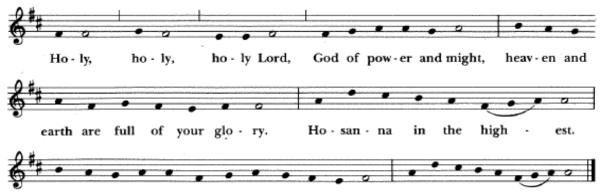
The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:





Bless · ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

The 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:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.



Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

-Communion Hymn- "And Now, O Father, Mindful Of The Love" By: William Henry Monk

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving 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.

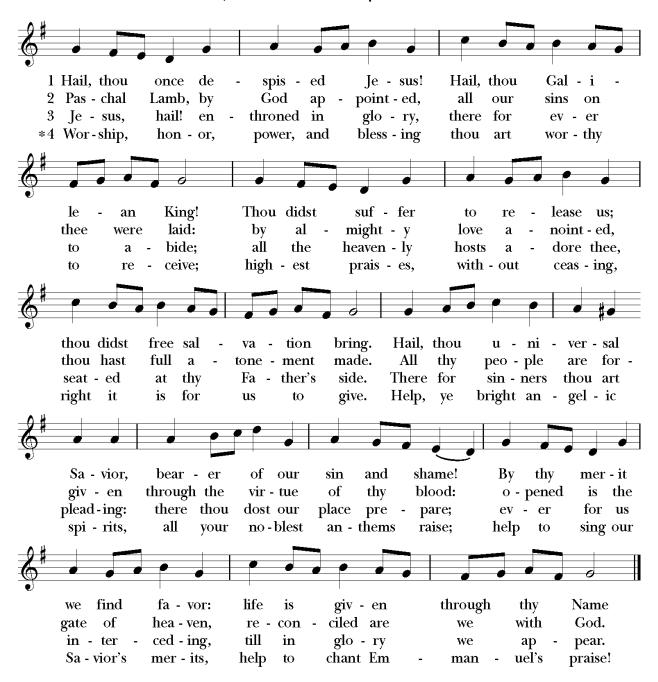
Solemn Lenten Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel down and the Priest pronounces a solemn prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Recessional Hymn #495~ "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"



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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ "Trumpet Tune" By: Michael A. Johnson



Please pray for those celebrating their Birthday:

Ro Vaselaar, Steve Long, Dianna Smith

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, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley,
Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon,
The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson,
Penny, Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S., Vivian,
Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels,
Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family.

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Gary Zimmett, Family and Friends of Jim Ditzler,
Friends and Family of Bill Turner, Micah Young,
Family and Friends of Joyce Coombe, Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet,
Mary Pierce

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, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Where: Sears-Kay Ruins

These visible ruins were once a prehistoric hilltop village inhabited by the Hohokam people who also constructed the canal system throughout the Phoenix metro area. The site contains the remains of about 40 rooms. At the foot of the trail there are 3 ramadas with picnic tables, restrooms, and no drinking water. This is a fee free area.

Good Shepherd Hikers

The Good Shepherd Hikers invite you to join us on our next hike to the Sears-Kay Ruins on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00. The trail is an uphill (~200' elevation gain) one mile loop hike where we are rewarded with views of Four Peaks, Weaver's Needle, and the Superstitions, as well as the ruins themselves. A sign-up sheet is located in Maitland Hall for the hike and additional details will be provided to those attending.

When: Saturday, April 5th @ 9AM

Trail: Approximate 1 mile loop hike (uphill \sim 200 elevation gain)

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate

Registration required to hike with the group!



New Date and Location!

Date: Thursday, March 20th (every 3rd

Thursday of the month)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Panera Bread in Norterra

Crossing

Centering Prayer!

Did you know Good Shepherd holds two Centering Prayer Sessions each week!

When: Wednesday @11:00 A.M. via Zoom

Saturday @ 9:00 A.M. in the Good Shepherd Library

Please contact the office with questions!



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Volunteers are needed to host our Coffee Hour! A sign up sheet is located inside Maitland Hall.



Food and Fellowship Ministry

Our church's Food and Fellowship Ministry is growing and welcoming new members. If you are interested in learning about or joining this ministry, please reach out to Audra Botwin or Arlene De Broske.

Food & Fellowship



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