Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Second Sunday After Easter Sunday, April 27, 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

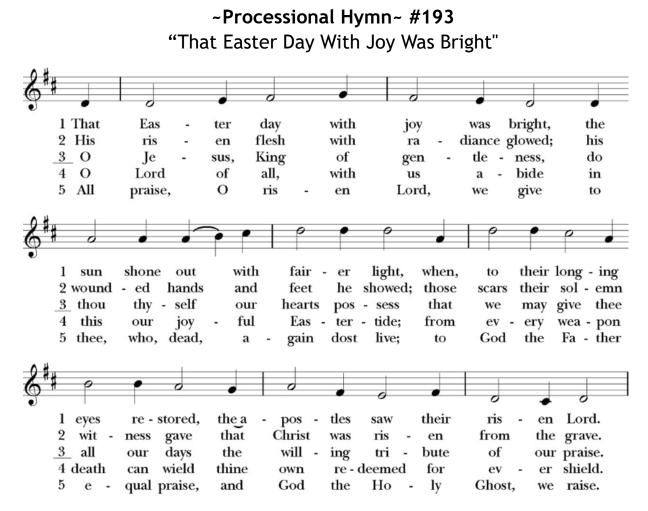
Lector:	Micah Johnson
Altar Servers:	Gretchen Curtis and Lynn Walsh
Ushers:	Angela & Minke Ajamie
Greeter:	Audra Botwin



Visitors and Guests Thank you for joining us!

If you would like to receive our email Newsletter, please fill out the "Let Us Get To Know You Card" in the back of the pew or sign the Guest Book located in the Narthex. Completed cards can be given to the Greeters or Ushers.

~**Prelude**~ "Rise, My Soul, And Come Away" By: Robert J. Powell



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Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

The Collect

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.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Acts Of Apostles

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God Psalm 150 (Read In Unison)

 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.
Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath * praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

A Reading From The Revelation To John

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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



~Gospel Hymn~ #212 "Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-31

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."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

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#199 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"



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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

Reader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord. have mercy.

Reader: We hold in prayer our Good Shepherd community: continue to guide and nurture us as we grow in faith and service. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, especially for the Hohokam whose lands we worship. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those who have died and their loved ones. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we Love and especially those who have asked for prayer. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Are there others who need our prayers this day? (Please name them silently or aloud.) We pray to you, Lord, have mercy.

Reader: 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. Reader: Remembering the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves to one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Lord we pray.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer, this day for all those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Offertory

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

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

~**Offertory Anthem**~ "You Raise Me Up" By: Rolf Lovland

(Solo: Ed Simpson)

When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary. When troubles come and my heart burdened be. Then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit awhile with me. *You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

> There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

The Doxology



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

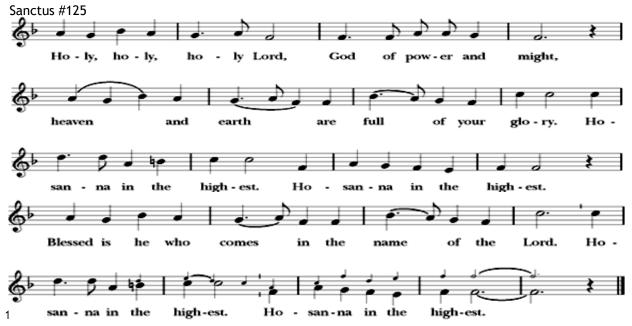
The Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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. 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.**

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: 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.

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~

"Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus" By: J.S. Bach

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

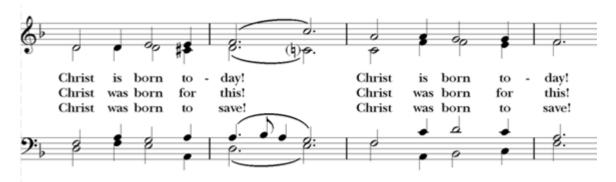
Celebrant and People:

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.

The Blessing

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.**

~Recessional Hymn~ #205 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" re - joice 1 Good Chris - tian friends, with heart and soul and voice; 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; re - joice 3 Good Chris - tian friends, with heart and soul and voice; Je - sus Christ give ye heed to what we say: is born to - day; end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ ve hear of was born this! now for Je - sus Christ ve need not fear the grave: was born save! now to and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the OX man - ger now. He hath o-pened hea-ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more. Calls you one and calls you all to gain his \mathbf{er} last - ing hall. ev



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~Postlude~ "Postlude On Shout On! By: David Lasky



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., Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family, Gary Zimmett, Micah Young, Family and Friends of Joyce Coombe, Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet, Mary Pierce, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson, Friends and family of Marilyn Stanitzke, Family and Family of Chuck Hewitt, Fr. Joe Harte, Bernadette Davis

<u>Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces</u>

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)

Easter Sunday

We had a wonderful turnout for Easter Sunday! A beautiful service and message followed by coffee hour with lots of great food and company after. Thank you to all of our ministries and volunteers!



The Dandelions Women's Group April Event

When : Friday, April 25th

Where: Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

Time: Tour at 9AM (Carpool meetup at the church at 8:15AM) **Cost:** \$35.

R.S.V.P. to Paddi Mozillo or Lynn Walsh

This month our group we will be attending a private tour of the wonderful wildlife conservation rescue center. You get to see what the dedicated volunteers have created to save injured, orphaned, and abandoned native wild animals. The animals are rehabilitated and if possible released back into the wild. The animals who could not survive in the wild are kept at this special sanctuary. After the tour we will have brunch at the Dynamite Grille in the Troon North Golf Club. Living in harmony with all God's creatures is our responsibility. Please RSVP to Lynn or Paddi if you are able to join us. For more info about the center <u>www.southwestwildlife.org</u>



Where: Granite Mountain Loop. It's a gentle, sub three mile route, with spectacular scenery.

Good Shepherd Hikers

The Good Shepherd Hikers invite you to join us on our next hike to Granite Mtn Loop on Saturday, May 3rd, at 9:00. The trail is an uphill (~200' elevation gain) three mile loop hike. A sign-up sheet is located in Maitland Hall for the hike and additional details will be provided to those attending.

When: Saturday, May 3rd @ 9AM

Trail: Approximate 3 mile loop hike (uphill ~200 elevation gain)

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate



Come and See What It's All About!

Today, April 27th after the service Daughters of the King will be holding an informational session. Bring your coffee hour beverage and snacks and join us in the library! All women are welcome!



Children and Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Hi everyone! We are 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. We

want to make sure every one of our kids has an opportunity to attend regardless of their financial ability to pay. If you would like to sponsor a camper- the total cost per student is \$495. If you would like to donate ANY amount in support- please send checks with Good Shepherd Chapel Rock in the memo line.

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

May 4th— Car Wash at the Church

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



Sunday May 4th!

First Sunday First Food is Sunday, May 4th and Foothills Food Bank needs our donations! All donations can be dropped off to the Narthex or Maitland Hall prior to our Sunday Service!

Please note: you can still drop off your Food Bank donations in Maitland Hall, Monday– Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm if you cannot make this event. You can also bring 1 item to church each Sunday, donation baskets have been set up in the Narthex and on the table on the side of Maitland Hall.



Sandwich Ministry

We will be making Sack Lunches in Maitland Hall on Wednesday, May 14th at 9:30. These lunches will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen to help feed the homeless. We will have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

If you prefer to make the sack lunches at home, they will gladly be accepted! They can be dropped off to Maitland Hall before 10 AM on May 14th.

Sandwich Ministry is now on the 2nd Wednesday!

Centering Prayer!

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



The Wednesday prayer session is held via Zoom at 10 AM.

The Saturday prayer session is held in person in the Good Shepherd library @ 9 AM.

Please contact the office with questions or for the Zoom invite,





Altar Flower Dedications!

A sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall along with the dedication forms. (dedication forms should be dropped off to the office) Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. A donation of \$50 is requested when sponsoring flowers.

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