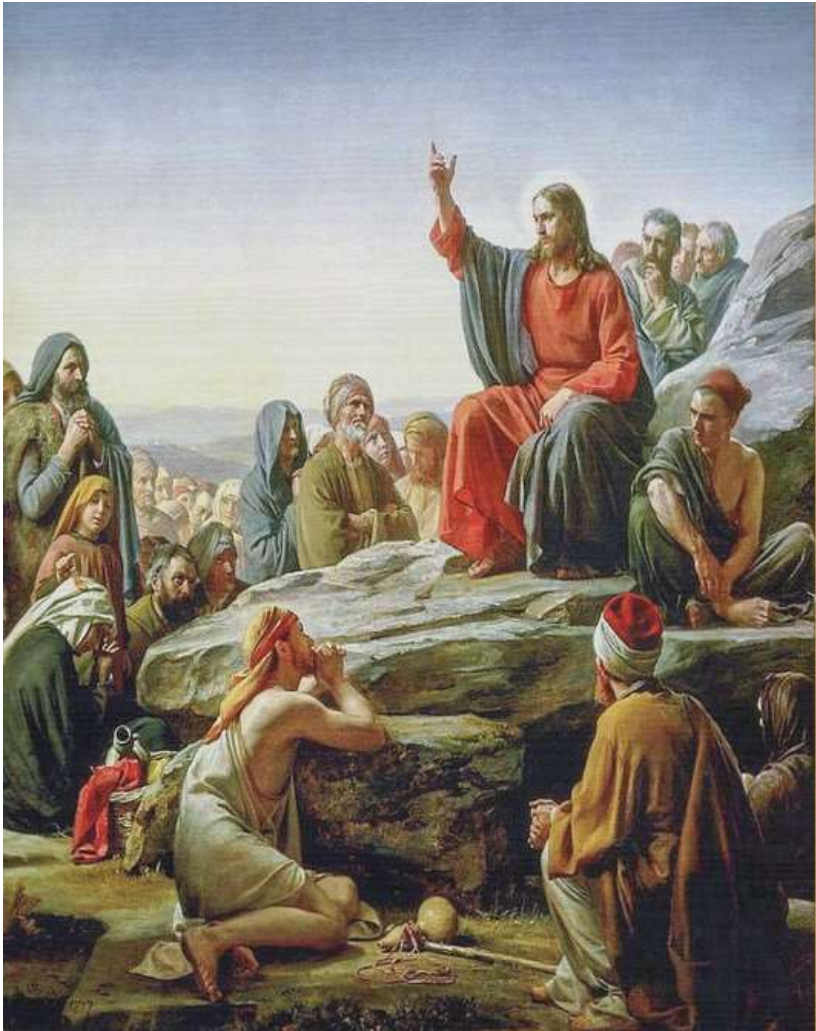


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



“Sermon on the Mount” (1877) ~ Carl Bloch (Danish)

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!



CALENDAR

- SUN Feb 16** **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
- TUE Feb 18** **Women's Al-Anon**, Parish Hall - Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- WED Feb 19** **Epiphany Study: Judaism & Islam**, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- SUN Feb 23** **The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Eileen Cawood
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edward
Zoomer: Tim Hall
- MON Feb 24** **Last day for FISH food donations**
- TUE Feb 25** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of "to-go" meals** (Parish Hall basement)
Noon **Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (to 2:00 p.m.)
- WED Feb 26** **Distribute FISH "to-go" meals** (morning)
7:00 p.m. **Epiphany Study: Judaism & Islam** (Final class)
- SUN Mar 2** **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**, with Cindy Ingram
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor
Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- TUE Mar 4** **Shrove Tuesday**
Noon **Women's Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (to 2:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. **Pancake Supper** in the Parish Hall basement
followed by **Burning of the Palms** (on patio)
- WED Mar 5** **Ash Wednesday**
7:00 p.m. **Evening worship with Imposition of Ashes**

Please note that **we do not pass the plate** to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex as you enter or leave the church.

Hymns are sung from: The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book),
Wonder, Love, and Praise ("WLP" the green book), and
Lift Every Voice and Sing II ("LEVAS" the red & black book).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor & Janet Locklear

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddie

Music Leader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Altar Guild: Andrea Brown & Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Psalm 81"

paraphrase of BCP p. 704

The People stand

Opening **Hymn 537** "Christ for the world we sing!"

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant prays

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.**

The Gloria "Glorify Your Name"

by Donna Adkins

Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

glorify your name in all the Earth.

Jesus, we love you ...

Spirit, we love you ...

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Spoken responsively

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 **Happy** are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been

raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Gradual **Hymn 656** “Blest are the pure in heart”

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

**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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**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,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayer Hymn **LEVAS 178** “Sweet hour of prayer”

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The People sit or kneel

The Lay Eucharistic Minister and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*Leader prays from back page of bulletin*). For
all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For this
community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For
migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and
proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May
they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any
kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Hanover with
Brunswick (St. John’s, Emmanuel, Lamb’s Creek), King George; St.
Anne’s Parish (Christ, St. Stephen’s, St. John’s), Scottsville; and St.
John’s, Tappahannock. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today
for The Church of Bangladesh For the peace and unity of the Church
of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister continues

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lay Eucharistic Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and affirms God's absolution.

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **LEVAS 151** “One Bread, One Body”

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.367

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!***

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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;

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.**

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

People and Celebrant

BCP p. 364

**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.

An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Act of Reception

*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all **virtual** participants.*

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following

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 ministers and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion Hymn **WLP 825** “Bless the Lord my soul”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven
and on earth.**

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Blessing

The People stand

Closing **Hymn 296** “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

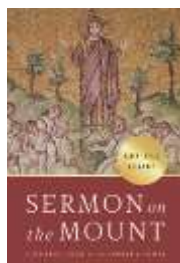
EPIPHANY SERIES:

“THE OTHER ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS: JUDAISM AND ISLAM”

Our Epiphany online study of our sister religions, Judaism and Islam, will be wrapping up over the next two weeks. Next up:

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for a **simple evening meal** of soup, salad, and bread, **lively discussions, and Compline**. For six Wednesdays beginning March 12, the **Rev. Cathy Tibbetts** will lead a Lenten exploration using the book and DVD by Amy-Jill Levine “**Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.**” We will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Please register with Tim Hall so we can be sure to have enough books and supplies for everyone.



OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. For our first donation of 2025, we **donated 150 pounds** of soup, pasta, cereal, juice, and other assorted food and toiletries **in January**. We also prepared and distributed 40 “to-go” meals on Jan. 29.

Our next **donations will be delivered on Tuesday February 25** with “to-go” meals prepared on Tuesday the 25th and given out on Wednesday the 26th. If you’d like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry in 2025, talk to Judy Hall.

BISHOP VISITATION

The **Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson** will be visiting Good Shepherd **Sun., April 27**. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table, and he will also perform rites associated with the Bishop's ministry, such as the Confirmation we have scheduled that day. The Bishop would be delighted to include other rites, namely Holy Baptism; Reaffirmation of baptismal vows and Reception of anyone interested in membership in the Episcopal Church at Good Shepherd. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in learning more about any of these opportunities to go deeper in your life of faith at Good Shepherd, we invite you to **speak with Rev. Deb or Rev. Cathy** so that we can answer your questions and gather information to assist the Bishop in preparing certificates. Immediately following the service, the Bishop will join us for a time of fellowship and informal conversation concerning any and all aspects of life and the mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

GIVING FLOWERS

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for or to remember a loved one. It also helps defray our weekly flower costs. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. You may provide the flowers or make a monetary donation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, April 6 – guest celebrant, the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Diocesan Minister of Congregational Vitality
- Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Liturgy
- Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday sacred supper, worship, and foot washing.
- Friday, April 18 – Stations of the Cross and Good Friday worship.
- Sunday, April 20 – The Day of Resurrection.
- Sunday, April 27 – Bishop Stevenson visitation.

More information, with times, coming soon. If you'd like to be involved in planning and/or implementation, or if you have any ideas, please talk to a member of our vestry or one of our clergy.

PRAYERS

*Please pray for our neighbors
and for ways we can serve the community.*

Friends and Family: Vicki Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Michael Finnerin (family friend of the Whitehouses); Rose Holden; Pine Grove Group AA; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Dianne Brumback & family (The Village Market); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); The Keelor and Mowe families; Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Lovette and the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list,
send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org***



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