Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

CALENDAR

THU Apr 17 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts Sacred Supper in the Parish Hall Holy Communion & Foot Washing in the Sanctuary
FRI Apr 18 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday with Josette Keelor Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Lay Readers & Prayers: Cindy Ingram & Kelly Macoy Music Leader: Eileen Cawood Zoomer: Judy Hall
SAT Apr 19	Flowering of the church for Easter Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
SUN Apr 20 11:00 a.m.	The Day of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts and the Rev. Deborah Rutter Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall Zoomer: Penni Tidwell Music Leader: Eileen Cawood
TUE Apr 22	Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (Noon to 2 p.m.)
SAT Apr 26	Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7 to 10 p.m.)
SUN Apr 27	Last day to bring FISH donations to church The Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall Zoomer: Tim Hall Music Leader: Janet Locklear

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).

A SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
Lay Readers: Tim Hall & Christine Kestner
LEM & Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

Welcome and Introduction

On this day, the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper which Christ gave the Church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this Maundy Thursday liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by blessing our sacred meal together, speaking his faithful Word, washing our feet, and giving us the sacrament of his body and his blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to build up God's community, to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.

This first liturgy of the Three Days (Triduum) has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Vigil of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sacred Meal

When all are seated at the tables, the table hosts light the candles and the Celebrant begins: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. On this night, you gave us the bread of life and the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

People

Let this food strengthen us in the trials that are before us, that following our Savior in the Way of the Cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The meal is served and will finish by 6:45.

The community remains seated at table for the Old Testament Reading:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

All are invited to leave the meal table and follow the Cross to 'pass over' into the Sanctuary and find seats while singing 'Bless the Lord my soul'.

Bless the Lord, my soul – and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul – who leads me into life.

When all are seated in the sanctuary, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

(said responsively by half verse)

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication.

Because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord,

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am thy servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the Lord's house, in your midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The New Testament Reading: Corinthians 1:23-26

Reader A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Gradual Hymn WLP 729: "As in that upper room you left your seat"

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel

around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After Jesus had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

The Foot Washing

Celebrant

Jesus, after he had shared a meal with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

People are invited to come forward to have their feet washed and, in turn, to wash the feet of others.

The following hymns are sung during foot washing

Hymn: "The Servant Song"

by Richard Gillard

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

LEVAS 74 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Ghana folk song

The Prayers of The People

After the washing of feet, the Lay Eucharistic Minister invites the congregation into prayer

LEM: In this season of repentance and reconciliation, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Sustaining and ever-present God, your Son endured terror in his death on the cross. Be present in all the struggles of your church that we may persist in honoring and serving you. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

You open the eyes of the world to your power in the cross. Give sight to the leaders of nations and direct them to care for the hungry, poor, and oppressed. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

Your grace sustains all whose hearts are broken and you supply every human need. Bless all who bear doubt, despair, illness, and sorrow with your comforting presence especially those we name now (People may add their own petitions). Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

You show us how to live in joy and peace. Lead all who are preparing for baptism to the waters of life and renew us all through Christ's death and resurrection. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

Your grace and truth have shone through the lives of the saints. Keep us in communion with the saints and all who have died, and give us hope of eternal life. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

Hear our prayers, merciful God. By your Holy Spirit transform our lives to declare your praise and to make known your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The loose offering this evening and designated checks will be given to the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East in support of the Good Friday Offering initiative

Meditative Music during preparation of the table

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.361

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts, Hymnal S-114 heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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 for ever. **Amen**.

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

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.

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 people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

During communion, the congregation sings Communion Hymn **LEVAS 151** "One Bread, One Body"

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Lights are dimmed as the altar is stripped.

As the altar is stripped, the following chant is sung by the congregation Closing Hymn **WLP 826** "Stay with me"

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Closing Prayer and Benediction

The congregation is invited to depart in silence and keep vigil at home.

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Our Paschal Triduum worship service — commemorating the central events of the Christian faith as one continuous commemoration and celebration over three days — continues tomorrow. See details in the Notices.

NOTICES

HOLY WEEK

Tomorrow, we have two **Good Friday** services. At **6 p.m.**, weather permitting, we will gather on the patio to walk our **Stations of the Cross** through the woods behind the church and up the hill to the cross in our Meditation Garden. Our indoor service begins **at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary for the **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion**, which includes music, prayers, and the reading of John's rendition of the Passion of Christ.

Join with others for "Flowering of the Church for Easter" on Sat., April 19, at a time to be determined. All flowers are provided, but if you have some you'd like to donate, by all means bring them along, as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING



Please consider making a gift to our **Good Friday Offering**, which provides critical support to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, providing aid for many worthy causes throughout the Middle East. **We will be**

collecting donations today and tomorrow, and continue to Easter Sunday. Your Vestry has again authorized \$500 in matching funds, which will be applied against the total amount collected from the congregation. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd with "Good Friday offering" in the memo line. Or you may give cash in one of the pre-marked envelopes in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

BISHOP VISIT POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to other pressing pastoral concerns, the Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson has had to postpone his visit to Good Shepherd next Sunday. He said he is most sorry and plans are underway for him to visit later this summer. Meanwhile, the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick will join us on Sun., May 18 to perform the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for Bethany Whitehouse, Rose Holden, and Rick Whitehouse, respectively. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop

will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. It is also customary for the loose offering that day to go towards the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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. We need your help planning the Bishop's reception. Please talk to a member of the vestry if you can help with food, setup, and/or cleanup.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and of Clarke County supplies. We are actively collecting April donations

after providing a whopping 133 pounds last month. Plans are underway for delivering April's donations on Tuesday the 29th and providing 40 homemade "to-go" meals on Wednesday the 30th. Please talk to Janet Locklear if you can help. The last day for donations this month is Sunday, April 27. You may also give monetary donations, which we will pass on to FISH. Include "FISH" in your check memo or cash in a well-marked envelope. Remember, Anne Cushman told us she can make a dollar go 10 times farther than we can!

As our only year-round outreach effort, FISH is an important part of Good Shepherd's outreach ministry and we need help in all aspects of this important outreach ministry: shopping, preparing meals, delivering the donated food, and distributing the meals. If you'd like help or lead this wonderful and growing ministry as we go forward in 2025, please talk to Janet Locklear.

DUST OFF YOUR WALKING SHOES

Plan on joining us for the World Vision Global 6K for Water on Saturday morning, May 17. We will be walking, jogging, or rolling (strollers, bikes, wheelchairs, etc.) at Cool Spring with our goal to raise \$1,000, thus helping to bring life-changing clean water to those who need it the most. Mark your calendars. More info coming soon.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Earldine Ingram (Tim Ingram's mother); Allen Dec (friend of Judi Floyd); Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Clarke County Fire & Rescue; Marianne Hooper (Hall granddaughter); Darlene Schaffer; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Michael Finnerin and Finnerin Family (family friends of the Whitehouses); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); 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 and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); 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 <u>prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org</u>

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