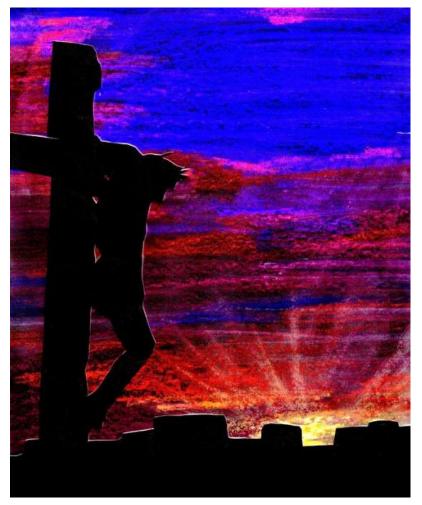
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Good Friday Solemn Liturgy of the Passion April 18, 2025

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

CALENDAR

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 - 2 p.m.)	
SAT Apr 26	Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)	
SUN Apr 27 11:00 a.m.	Last day to bring FISH donations to church The Second Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall Zoomer: Tim Hall Music Leader: Janet Locklear	
10:00 a.m.	Morning FISH delivery, followed by Preparation of "to-go" meals (Parish Hall basement) Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (noon - 2 p.m.)	
WED Apr 30	Distribute FISH "to-go" meals (morning)	
SAT May 3	Pine Grove Group AA in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)	
SUN May 4 11:00 a.m.	The Third Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer with Josette Keelor Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Tim Hall	

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: <u>The Hymnal 1982</u> (the blue book), <u>Wonder, Love, and Praise</u> ("WLP" the green book), and <u>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</u> ("LEVAS" the red & black book).

GOOD FRIDAY: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Officiant: Josette Keelor Lay Readers & Prayers: Kelly McCoy & Cindy Ingram Music: Eileen Cawood & Rose Holden | Zoomer: Judy Hall

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Lessons (Please be seated)

The First Lesson: Isaiah 53:13-53:12

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

- for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
- Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light;

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Th	Therefore I will allot him a portion with the and he shall divide the spoil with the str	8
be	because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgresso	rs;
ye	tet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgres	sors.
Reader	Here ends the reading.	
People	Thanks be to God.	
Psalm 2	22:1–11 Said	responsively by half verse

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:16–25

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ReaderHere ends the reading.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel: John 19:16b-42

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The people are asked to stand, if able.

Officiant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Gradual Hymn 172 "Were you there when they crucified my Lord" v.1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they crucified my Lord? So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans."

Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, "The King of the Judeans," but, "This man said, I am King of the Judeans." Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Hymn 172, v.2

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Judean leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Hymn 172, v.3

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Judean leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred

pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn 172, v.4 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The Homily (Please be seated)

Prayer Hymn 164 "Alone thou goest"

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon, or other persons appointed, says to the people

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The people are invited to sit, kneel or stand, as they are comfortable.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For Mark and Gayle, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese For all Christians in this community

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Josette Keelor vv. 1. 3 c 4

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them:

For Donald, the President of the United States For the Congress and the Supreme Court For the members and representatives of the United Nations For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair For those who are sorrowful and bereaved For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ For prisoners, refugees, and captives For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all those in mortal danger That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who have not embraced God's redemptive love; For those who have never heard the word of salvation For those who have lost their faith For those hardened by sin or indifference For the contemptuous and the scornful For those who are persecutors of his Christ's disciples For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed other in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Veneration of the Cross

A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

 Anthem "Behold the Wood"
 Dan Schutte

 sung by Rose Holden and Josette Keelor
 Dan Schutte

Congregation (remaining seated or kneeling) joins in singing the refrain: Behold, behold the wood of the cross on which is hung our salvation. O come, let us adore.

A meditation on the suffering of Christ today

How does Christ suffer today in 2025?

In a short meditation, let us reflect on the pain and suffering Jesus experienced during his death on the cross.

It can be hard for us to imagine what Jesus went through in being scorned, beaten, ridiculed, and crucified. Here in America, we don't usually see such atrocities play out in front of us in the same way they did in ancient Jerusalem. But Good Friday offers us the chance to imagine, in today's terms, what Jesus went through. We can imagine his pain by witnessing the pain of those around us.

When the apostles asked Jesus in Matthew 25:40 when they had housed him, fed him, or given him clothes to wear, he said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." Similarly, through our interactions with the world around us, we can better understand what Jesus suffered and imagine how the Christ in all of us suffers in our world today.

How do I recognize the face of Christ in my regular, everyday life?

Do I see Christ suffering in

- ... the stranger at the grocery store when I'm in a hurry?
- ... immigrants who just want a better life for their families?
- ... the person who cuts in front of my car in traffic?
- ... the devastation of our Mother Earth?
- ... the hungry, and the people begging for money on street corners?
- ... the silenced and the incarcerated?
- ... those in the LGBTQ community?
- ... the unemployed or those receiving welfare?

How do I recognize the suffering Christ in my regular life?

What am I doing about Christ's suffering today?

What might I do differently?

Period of silence

Closing Hymn 171 "Go to dark Gethsemane" wv. 1 & 3

The service concludes with the following prayers.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him. If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

END OF SERVICE with no blessing or dismissal. Please depart prayerfully and quietly.

Our Paschal Triduum worship —commemorating the central events of the Christian faith over three days continues with the triumphant climax of the Sunday of the Resurrection, which we celebrate on Sunday at 11 a.m. with a Festive Holy Eucharist.

NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING



Today through Easter Sunday are the last days to make 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. 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 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 <u>we need help in all aspects of this important outreach ministry</u>: 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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