



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Sunday of the Resurrection:
Easter Day
April 5, 2026

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
The Book of Common Prayer pp. 75-102.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright
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PROCESSIONAL

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 77

Officiant:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People:

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant & People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Kneeling

The Officiant remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

BCP 83

Pascha nostrum 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
**the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
**I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43

Seated

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 18

A SONG TO THE LAMB

(Officiant and People read responsively)

Dignus es Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

BCP 93

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for ever more.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe..

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19 (Officiant and People read responsively)

THE SONG OF THE REDEEMED

REVELATION 15:3-4

BCP 94

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

Officiant/Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When

she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Officiant/Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED **Officiant and People** [Stand as able.] **BCP 96**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *This is the Day* by Natalie Sleeth

DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**HYMNAL 380
v.3**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SUFFRAGES A (Officiant and People) [Stand or kneel, as able.]

BCP 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Stand or kneel, as able.]

Officiant/Reader: On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad, as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For the Church, remembering especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye, our Bishop, that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For this Parish Family, that we that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbor. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all the human family, and especially the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, that God will keep them safe and bring them to a springtime of hope and peace. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, and all those in positions of public trust and leadership, that God will strengthen them with wisdom and patience. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all those who cannot be with family and loved ones, that as they hear the Good News of the Resurrection, they may be bound together in love. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: those suffering from despair or loneliness, those grieving the death of a loved one, for the sick and the suffering, and those who have asked for our prayers, remembering especially **Jim, Belle, Andy, Jessica, Sarah, Michael, Virginia, Warren, Carol, Pat, Leslie, Joanie, Kathy, Kathryn, Joyce, Joanne, Martha, Caryl, Keith, Steve, Ron, Ted, Barbara, Mark, Mary, George, Jane, Helen, Archie, Anne**, that God will strengthen them, and lead them to wholeness. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving for all in our congregation in this week. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Blessed are you, O Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (Officiant and People)

BCP 101

Officiant: Together, let us pray The General Thanksgiving.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

PARISH NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026

Sunday, April 5, 2026 @ 10:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

EASTER DAY

Barbie Schulien, Worship Leader

Altar Guild: All set up

Shana Joy Grassi, Organist

Jane Shanoian, Lori Gibbons, Counters

Sunday, April 11, 2026 @ 10:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

George Shanoian, Worship Leader

Barbara Adams, Altar Guild

Shana Joy Grassi, Organist

Maryann Witty, Barbara Adams, Counters

****Holy Eucharist Services are scheduled for May 3 and June 28 led by Rev. Mark Waldon.**

Book Club: The April book is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. The April meeting will be on the fourth Friday, which is April 24.

Food Pantry: Our next opportunity to staff and bring donations of food, hygiene items and paper goods to the Kiwanis Food Pantry in Montville is Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Craft Group: The April “first Tuesday” meeting is on April 7 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Lincoln Park Library. The next “third Wednesday” of the month meeting will be on April 15 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. at the Lincoln Park Library.

Office Hours: Office Hours:

Tuesday, April 7: 9:30 AM to 1:30PM

Thursday, April 9: 9:30AM to 5:30PM

Saturday, April 11: Office hours as needed