

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

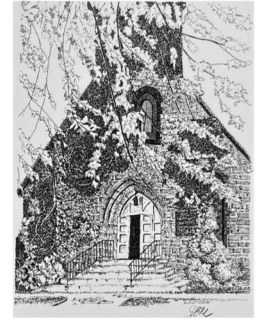
APRIL 7, 2024— 9:00AM

The Second Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

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*You are invited into silence to prepare for worship.*

Prelude

*When the Morning Gilds the Skies*

Joseph Barnby

Processional Hymn

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Hymnal 205

Welcome

Sarah Patton

Opening Sentences

BCP 77

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Confession

BCP 79

*Please stand or kneel.*

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

*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.**

Absolution

*Officiant:* 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.**



*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 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. Alleluia.**

Christ Our Passover

*Pascha nostrum*

BCP 83

**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 of the Day Psalm 133

BCP 787

*Officiant and People:*

- <sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!**
- <sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**
- <sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- <sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

**5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.**

**Hallelujah! 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.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Lessons

#### Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle P

*Song of the Spirit*

Revelation 22:12-17

**Officiant and People: "Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord, "and bringing my reward with me, \* to give to everyone according to their deeds. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, \* the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, \* and may enter the city through the gates. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, \* with this testimony for all the churches. "I am the root and the offspring of David, \* I am the bright morning star." "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride; \* "Come!" let each hearer reply! Come forward, you who are thirsty, \* let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.**

1 John 1:1-2:2

A Reading from the First Epistle of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle J

*A Song of Judith*

Judith 16:13-16

***Officiant and People: I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, rocks melt like wax at your presence.***

**But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.**

Gospel John 20:19-31

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Sarah Patton

*Standing as you are able.*

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

***Officiant and People: 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.***

Peace

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the Name of Christ.*

Blessings

*Please be seated*

The Wine, Wafer, and Candle memorial is given in loving memory of Melissa Carnevale by her husband John Lewis.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

*Officiant: All things come of thee, Oh Lord,*

*People: **And of thine own have we given thee.***

Offertory Hymn

*O Love of God, How Strong and True*

Hymnal 455

Doxology:

380 v3 Hymnal

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

The Prayers

BCP 97

*Standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer (traditional form)

BCP 97

*Officiant 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.**

Suffrages (B)

BCP 98

*Officiant:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People:* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant:* Day by day we bless you;

*People:* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People:* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People:* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant:* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*People:* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 224

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**

Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

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.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

*1 Chronicles 16:8–10*

*The People may offer their own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

*Officiant:* We thank you Lord

*People:* **And bless your Holy Name.**

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired. (*Martin Luther 1483-1546*)

*The People may offer their own intercessions, either silently or aloud.*

*Officiant:* Lord in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

***Officiant and People:* 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 ourselves 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.**

Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Dismissal

Deacon Nancy

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Recessional Hymn

*Sing ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness*

Hymnal 492

Postlude

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Oliver Holden

**ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP**

**Readers:** Mary O'Reilly, Theresa Belanger

**Intercessor:** Louise Bessler

**Ushers:** Sue Corman, Mary O'Reilly

**Verger:** Howard Titus

**Altar Guild:** Raquel Tomic-Beard, Betty Gollihue, Mark Dennehy

**Broadcast Team:** Julia Gower, Wayne Blair, Susan Nutting, Michael Engelsen

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## **This week's community prayer intentions for Healing and Special Concerns**

Keith Adams	Charlene Core	Marcy Klamka	Edith Pack
Jerry Armstrong	Sandy & Richard	Clark Lambert	James Pelham
Rev. Kate Atkinson	Darling	Dana Lambert	Kevin Rebello
Gerry Balcom	Charlotte Davis	Peter Langlois	Heather Rossbach
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Martin Burboa-Reese	Chuck Fitzpatrick	Elissa Morin	Bonnie Whalen
Brian Burgess	Jeanne Gregoire	Jim Mutherbaugh	
Cindy Caradis	Jacqui & Brian	Myranda Newton	
Carnevale & Lewis	Hollenbeck	Susan Nutting	
Family	Chip & Sally Hulten	Tina Ostrowski Lincoln	

## **For Those Deployed in the Military**

Alyssa Dyer, Alan James Epstein, Johnathan Epstein, Samuel Epstein, Robert Herendeen, Bryan Laliberte, Devon Lambert and Josh Lentz.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Today: Youth Group 6:00 PM
- Today: Adult Forum End 68 Hours of Hunger
- 4/8 Contemplative Prayer 11:30 AM
- 4/8 Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: 12:00 PM (Every Monday)
- 4/8 Sage Wannabees 2:00 PM
- 4/10 Wednesday Morning Prayer 9:30 AM
- 4/11 Service at Corville 2:30 PM
- 4/11 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
- 4/13 Aging & Spirituality begins 10:00 AM (through June 1)
- 4/14 Workshop: Exploring the Old Testament with Jeff Cooley 6:30 PM
- 4/15 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM
- 4/16 Sacred Ground Begins 7:00 PM (Tuesdays through June 25)
- 4/18 Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM
- 4/21 Workshop: Exploring the Old Testament with Jeff Cooley 6:30 PM
- 4/28 Rector Discretionary/Non-Profit Offertory Plate
- 4/28 Eucharistic Lay Pastoral Team 10:00 AM
- 4/28 Nissitissit String Quartet Concert 4:00 PM

**Mothers Day Rose Altar** will return this year, more details to follow.

## **Honoring loved ones through Memorials**

If you wish to honor a family member or friend on a special Sunday, you could donate money for the Flowers (\$60) or Wine, Wafers, and Candles (\$25). Please call Peg Wehner at 603-889-5067 or [pegwehner44@gmail.com](mailto:pegwehner44@gmail.com) to discuss your wishes.

Once again, we will be offering this powerful series at CGS. Mark Sylor, who

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# Sacred Ground

A DIALOGUE ON RACE & FAITH

has participated in two iterations of this series, will be taking the lead on this film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. When: Tuesdays, April 16-June 25 , 7:00pm, Session Leader: Mark Sylor and Seth Bonvouloir, size limited to 12 participants.

Register online at [cgsnashua.org/adult](http://cgsnashua.org/adult) or thought the office at 603-882-5352.

## **Esther Harless Scholarship**

Esther Harless, a parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd for about twelve years, died in 1987 and left her estate to the church. A scholarship fund for youth was designated by the “Harless Committee”, an amount to be invested and the income given to active youth of the parish. High school seniors (pending graduation), recent high school graduates and students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or seminary program are invited to apply. Deadline to apply is May 15. Link available at [cgsnashua.org/news](http://cgsnashua.org/news) under “Parish Signups” Reach out to Sue Corman, Senior Warden, Harless Committee at [radar3018@comcast.net](mailto:radar3018@comcast.net).

## **Rectors Discretionary Fund/Local Non-Profit Offering**

On the last Sunday of each month, starting April 30, the Offertory Plate gifts that are not pledges will be split between the Rectors Discretionary Fund which supports individuals in need with gas cards, grocery cards, rent assistance, etc and a local non-profit. The non-profit for April will be The Front Door Agency. Please consider giving a gift above your normal pledge on the last Sunday of each month.

## Book Group update

Nashua Public Librarian, Amanda Blair, has arranged for the inter-library loan of five copies of Harold S. Kushner's *Living a Life That Matters*, our CGS Book Group selection for the Sunday, April 21 Adult Forum. If you would like to borrow a copy, please reach out to Amanda at [akathrynblair@gmail.com](mailto:akathrynblair@gmail.com) or leave a message with the church office.

## Upcoming Adult Forum

4/14 Aging, Elder Care and Spirituality with Deacon Nancy and Nancy Madeira. Within the baptismal covenant we commit to the respect and dignity of all peoples. This includes actively promoting justice, equality, and compassion in our interactions with each other regardless of age, ethnicity, social status, or sexual orientation. During our time together we will provide an overview of "Aging & Spirituality" taught by Deacon Nancy, discuss "ageism" – "Lets End Ageism" by Ashton Applewhite and Assisted Living versus In Home Care. We look forward to a great open discussion.

4/21 CGS Book Group: *Living a Life that Matters* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner.

4/28 Nick Pothier, CGS Music Director

5/5 Brother Eric, Our Lady of Walsingham

5/12 Camino de Santiago Slideshow with Pastor Kathy

5/19 CGS Book Group Discussion

5/26 TBA

6/2 Operation Renewed Freedom Geraldine Duncan will talk about how therapeutic horseback riding helps veterans, first responders experience renewed freedom.

6/9 TBA

## Upcoming Workshop

**April 14 and 21: Exploring the Old Testament 6:30 PM**

With Jeff Cooley, PhD Associate Professor of Theology at Boston College and long-time member of Church of the Good Shepherd. Sponsored by: Curiosity!

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**April 28, 2024 4:00 PM**

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on behalf of NSKS: Nashua Soup  
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