



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024 | 10:30 AM



WELCOME to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

One of the great gifts of the Christian life is that it is not a one-and-done destination but a life-long journey. Throughout our life of faith we are given opportunities to learn and to grow, to fail and to try again, to fall off and to start anew. It is never too late to get serious about your faith.

Today in our worship we will celebrate Confirmation, which is the sacramental rite through which we recognize those who have decided to make a new start in their faith. Many of those being Confirmed are teenagers, who are standing before the congregation today to enter into a new phase in their life in Christ. Before God and all of us, they will vow that they are ready to take their own faith seriously, rather than simply riding on the coat-tails of their parents and grandparents. In a world full of discord and distraction, they come to us saying that they want to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Among all the things that they could pledge themselves to, they have chosen God. It is a holy and humbling moment.

And today offers an opportunity for all of us as well. Even those of us who are not being Confirmed will reaffirm our baptismal promises, recommitting ourselves to this life in this place with these people. It is an invitation to each of us to take the next step in our journey with Jesus. We can follow the example of our young people and decide to get more serious about our faith, be more diligent in study and prayer, be more faithful in worship. It's never too late to get serious about your faith, and our Confirmands are here to show us the way. I hope you'll join them.

Every blessing,



THINGS TO KNOW

We are so glad you are here.

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 & 10:30 AM Traditional

THE REV'D MICHAEL MILLS

Rector

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

9:15 AM - Sunday School for all ages.

THE REV'D TOM HOTCHKISS

Vicar

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Our professionally staffed nursery is available from 8-noon on Sundays for children 0 to 3 years old and is located across from the Education Wing.

THE REV'D MELODY SHOBE
Associate for Children & Families

COFFEE HOUR IN THE PARISH HALL

Coffee, lemonade, and snacks are available both before and after worship.

THE REV'D ERIC LILES
THE REV'D STEPHANIE MONCRIEFF

THE REV'D CLIF GARDNER
Assisting Priests

HEARING ASSISTANCE

A hearing loop is installed for those with a telecoil. Listening devices are also available in the Narthex.

CONNECT CARD

Are you new here or want to get more involved? Fill out a Connect Card and turn into the offering plate or the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

M-Th: 9 AM - 4 PM

F: 9 AM - Noon

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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available in the Narthex as well as outside of the Parish Hall.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Voluntaries

Preludes on the Easter hymn "O sons and daughters let us sing"

W. Held, C. Callahan

Word of Welcome

Opening Hymn 518

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that dedi - cated ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit for the readings.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 304

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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The Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation

BCP 415

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Rector I present these persons for Confirmation.
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

BCP 418

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. Amen.

For Reception

BCP 418

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Today's loose plate offering will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

The Offertory

"That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

Adult Choir
Hal Hopson

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.**

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

Sanctus S-130

F. Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the Name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel following the Sanctus.

The Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...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.**

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.

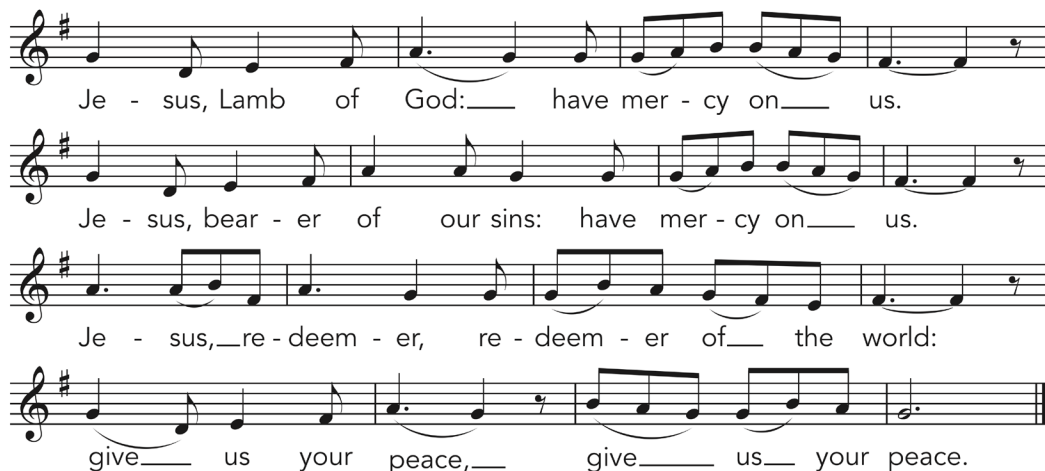
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei S-164

F. Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Episcopal Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People **From this time forth forever more.**

Bishop The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Birdie Hays' third birthday by Molly and Jason Hays.

TODAY'S SERMON

Things I Want to Remember

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin gray border, intended for writing notes or reflections on the sermon. The box occupies most of the page below the title and subtitle.

GET CONNECTED

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS & EVENTS



SIGN UP TODAY TO SERVE!

Sunday, April 28

Help us feed the men and women at Austin Street Center, a shelter in the heart of Dallas serving those experiencing homelessness. You can serve in a variety of ways, from donating needed food and other items, to prepping food during the 9:15 formation hour, cooking after church, or serving dinner on-site that evening.

HAPPENING NOW All sign-ups and more details are available at: goodshepherddallas.org/members

Respecting Religious Difference: Raising Christian Kids in a Multi-faith World | Sundays in April | 9:15 AM | Kincaid

We want our kids to have a firm foundation in their own faith, and also to be able to relate respectfully with those of different faiths. Join us in the Family Forum during April as we explore ways to help encourage curious conversations with our kids and their friends that will strengthen what they believe while informing them about the beliefs of others.

The Tame Game Dinner - A Moroccan Night Out | Saturday, April 27 | 7 PM

It's back! All ladies are invited for a Moroccan night out hosted by the Men of Good Shepherd. Meet other women in our parish and enjoy a decadent meal prepared by our talented chefs. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased online or at the door. (Menu: Mediterranean Mezze plate with olives, hummus, baba ganoush, pita bread, simple greens salad, chicken with olives and citrus on a bed of couscous, baklava, Turkish delights, and Turkish coffee, Pomegranate Gimlet)

Senior Sunday | Sunday, May 5 | 10:30 AM

Calling all graduating high school seniors! We will be recognizing all graduates at the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 5. In order to be recognized, you must be present at the service. Please send a photo, the name of the school you are graduating from, and plans for the fall to Lauren (lauren.wainwright@gsecd.org) by April 26.

Mother's Day | Sunday, May 12 | 10:30 AM

Come celebrate Mother's Day at Good Shepherd with Special Music! We will have a trio of harp, oboe and flute joining our organ and choir to aid in our worship service as we give thanks for our mothers. Bring the whole family and worship with us on this special day.

PRAYER LIST

One of the greatest privileges we have as Christians is to pray for one another. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, or if you'd like to give thanks for one of God's blessings, you may make a submission to the prayer list by visiting our website or contacting the church office.

goodshepherddallas.org/prayer-list

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