

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.



Holy Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Prelude on Liebster Jesu arr. John Dixon

Processional *O Jesus, I have promised* Hymnal 655



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).
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Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Book of Common Prayer p. 350

Confession

Book of Common Prayer p. 352

Kyrie

Book of Common Prayer p. 356

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 130

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he

who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn *O love of God, how strong and true (vs. 1-2)*

Hymnal 455



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Fraction

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the peace.

Invitation to Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

Recessional

Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus

Hymnal 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Dismissal

Postlude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

arr. W. Stanley

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am:

EMs: Tom Griffiths, Janet Beall; **Lector:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Usher:** Mike Stringer;
Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson; **Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson;
Intercessor: Betsi Wilson; **Nursery:** Hattie Sheehy, Barb Field; **VPOD:** Tawanna Dutton;
Ingles cards: Jeff King; **Videographer:** Ron Dutton;
Flower Guild: Flower Guild Team; **Greeter:** Kathy Wright

Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study – Currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Lenten Supper Series- Please join us for our last **Wednesday evening gathering, at 5:30 pm**, led by Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton. Please join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for a simple dinner of soup, salad and bread followed by the program promptly at **6:00 pm**.

Parish Life and Church Community

Following worship **today**, please join us in the **Parish Hall** for the **Annual Meeting & share a meal!**

Volunteers are needed to lead **Stations of the Cross @ 7am on Good Friday**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Egg Donations & Egg Hunt - Church family, would you help us with **egg donations, candy & stickers to fill our eggs?** Any donations are appreciated! Our **egg hunt** is scheduled for **Easter Sunday after our 11:00 am service on April 5th**. Please have donations in by Sunday, March 29th, placing them in the nursery on the table. The eggs will be filled on Saturday, the day before Easter.

Tai Chi & Moving Meditation classes are **CANCELLED March 13-27**. Classes will **resume on March 30** with a time change! **ALL** Tai Chi & Moving Meditation classes (M, W, F) will **begin at 10:30am beginning March 30, 2026**.

Attention all Blood Donors - Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, March 23rd from 12:30 - 5:30pm** in the Parish Hall. To make an appointment call 1-800-Redcross (1-800-733-2767) or online at Redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.

Church Grounds Workday - Spring is here and we want to get the garden & grounds in tip top shape. We'll be gathering at the church at **9am on Mar 28**. If you're able and willing to join us, please sign the volunteer list in the hallway. Tools that will be of use are rakes, hand digger or clippers, wheelbarrow and gloves. Lunch will be provided(pizza). Questions call Jeff King.

Easter Luncheon - Come join our Church family for the **Resurrection Celebration** on **April 5th after the 11:00 am service**. Parish Life is hosting our annual Easter Luncheon. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway so that we can have a count as to how many people to expect. We will be providing Ham. **Please sign-up and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share**. If you are able, please sign up to assist us with set up on Friday or clean up on Sunday.

You may have noticed the LARGE notice on the bulletin board requesting **help for the Kitchen Ministry**. We are in need of volunteers to assist with cleanup after Coffee Hour each Sunday. If you are available at least *one Sunday per month* to assist in this very important ministry, it would be most appreciated! Please sign-up in the hallway or notify Amanda in the office if you can donate approximately an hour of time, once per month.

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights-
Wednesday by 12pm

Deadline for Monthly Newsletter-
the 20th of the preceding month

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **March 24, 2026** are:

Town: Lou Lanwer Meyer

City: Suzy Christensen

Tusquittee: David & Teresa Gribble

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice LeMaire, Anne Hourdequin, Sam and Mere (Mary) Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Jack Hungerford, Lynne and Mark Walters, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Luke Bowe, Mike Campbell, Helga Reaves, Kanute Rarey, Ashley Murray, Mary Rose Figura, Mary Stewart King, Wendy Mitchell, Kris West, Keith Christensen, Melanie Breedlove & the Forrister family

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for *The Arts and Spirituality Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Calendar

Monday

March 23

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

March 24

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday

March 25

9:00 am	Exercise
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study
5:30 pm	Lenten Supper Series (Parish Hall)

Thursday

March 26

6:45 am	Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday

March 27

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
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Saturday

March 28

9:00 am	Church Grounds Work-Day
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Sunday

March 29

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm	Lunch (Parish Hall)

Holy Week 2026

Sunday March 29 @ 9 and 11 AM. Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms and the reading of the Passion Narrative.

Wednesday April 1 @ 12 PM. Generational Healing Holy Eucharist sponsored by the Good Shepherd Healing Prayer Ministry.

Thursday April 2 @ 7 PM. Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with a meal, Liturgy of the Word, and service of foot washing in the parish hall followed by Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar in the church. The overnight vigil in the chapel begins @ 9 PM.

Friday April 3 @ 7 AM. Stations of the Cross.

Friday April 3 @ 12 PM. Good Friday service with Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday April 4 @ 12 PM. Holy Saturday service.

Sunday April 5 @ 9 and 11 AM. The Feast of the Resurrection.

Prayer for Peace
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 815

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for Peace Among the Nations
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 816

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence
The Rev. Beverly Braine, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
Teresa LeMaire, Director of Music
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper
Kevin Conley, Treasurer
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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