

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 AT 10:15 AM

All Are Welcome Here

*We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.
We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.*



Are You Visiting Today?

*Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon!
Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card, please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!*



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: The 'Chosen' Tune

Herbert Howells

Processional Hymn: I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 278

- 1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
- 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
- 4 you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
- 5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
- 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
- 7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel & Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

†7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.



The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

The Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Enlighten Sam and Jennifer our bishops and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bless and keep all your people.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant adds a closing collect.

All **Amen**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Memorial Day Observance: Thanksgiving for Heroic Service

BCP, p. 839

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sung in Latin; English translation: *Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!*

-Medieval sequence for Corpus Christi

Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures her below;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 371

Celebrant ...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant ...make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Hymn: Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray Hymnal 315

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Hymnal 567

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Voluntary: Toccata in G Major

Wilhelm Hieronymus Pachelbel

**Please join us for Fellowship Time immediately following this service
for “nibbles” and lemonade. Today’s fellowship is hosted by
Daughters of the King.**

Serving Today

Ushers Gregg Knepley and Grace Sved
Verger Caryl Fuller
Acolytes Ashelyn Gilbert, Leighton Livengood, and Mason Livengood
Lectors Richard Leonard and Harry Johnson
Chalicer and Intercessor Ian Finley
Flower Guild Christie Barbee
Livestream & Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ian Finley
in loving memory of his grandparents, Luke and Gene Pappas and Max and Vera Finley.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor;
Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch;
JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew;
Janet Watrous; Jerry Smith; Branch Alexander; Margaret Park; Bob Kirchgessner;
Josephine Placa; Caitlin Carter-Corker; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Josephine Currin;
Katie Beaudoin; Diane Pergerson; Rock Kershaw; Tamara Gregory; Nicholas Smith;
Peter Smith; Howie Pope; Neil Cariello; The Hitch Family; The Piccirillo Family;
the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia;
victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace, Lexington, and St. Alban's, Littleton.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

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point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.



The Church of the Good Shepherd

Announcements for Sunday, May 25th

Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!

Please note: the Parish Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

Today

In addition to today's services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15 AM:

- ☐ **8:30-12 Noon**
 - ☐ Nursery Care available for children up to 4 yo
- ☐ **At 9 AM**
 - ☐ Sunday School for Kids (4-12 yo)
- ☐ **During the 10:15 Service**
 - ☐ Children's Chapel & Godly Play
- ☐ **At 11:30 AM**
 - ☐ Fellowship Time hosted by Daughters of the King
 - ☐ DOK Discernment Class in Room 403
 - ☐ Green Team – Composting Session in the Parlor
 - ☐ Outreach Committee Organizational Meeting in Rev. Imogen's office

VBS Registration Closes May 31st!

Vacation Bible School Dates: June 23-26, 9 AM – 12 Noon

For ages pre-K through 5th grade with nursery care available for younger children. Please see the parish website or newsletter for more information and to register! Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 919.831.2000.

Readers Needed for Pentecost Sunday – June 8th

During our 10:15 worship service on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, the lectionary reading from Acts, which tells the story of the first Pentecost, will be read in several languages in addition to English. If you are able to read in a language other than English and would be willing to read a short passage this year, please **contact David Baggett (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or 919.831.2018)**. Thank you!

Out & About Potluck – June 15th

OUT & ABOUT is a longstanding Supper Group at The Church of the Good Shepherd that affirms our LGBT families and friends. We gather monthly at a host's home for a potluck supper, fun & fellowship.

Next Gathering: Sunday, June 15th, 6-8 PM

Where: 6008 Belgreen Ct, Raleigh 27612

Hosts: Dwayne Holloway and David Stroud

RSVP (and for more info): Please text Brother Paul Henry, OSF at 954-448-8931.

Good Shepherd Mission Trip – July 20-27

The EYC is organizing a mission trip to Yancey County to help with Hurricane Helene recovery. The trip is open to everyone in the parish. See the parish website or the parish newsletter for more information and to register! **Contact: Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org)**

Calendar at a Glance

Please see the parish newsletter for details

May 2025	
26	Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day
28	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
31	VBS Registration Closes
June 2025	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOK offering healing prayers during 8 and 10:15 worship services• Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch at 11:30 AM• Memorial Service for Reginald Fuller at 12:30 PM
4	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
11	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
12	Men's Fellowship Lunch
14	Kids' Playdate at Mordecai Mini Park 9:30-11:30 AM
15	Out and About Potluck at 6-8 PM
17	Springmoor Eucharist at 11 AM
18	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon
19	Parish Office Closed for Juneteenth
22	Pride Sunday
23	Vestry Meeting
23-26	Vacation Bible School

Please Save These Dates!

- July 20-27—Mission Trip to Yancey County
- September 19-21—Family Weekend at The Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores

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