

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 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:** Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

This piece by French composer Jean Langlais features rich harmonies in the manuals (hands) and a haunting melody in the pedals. Even though it is played with the feet, Langlais calls for a 4-foot stop – sounding an octave higher than the normal pitch – which means it sounds higher than you might expect. The piece is a poignant reminder of the need for peace in the world.

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 495, Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

### **Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

### Song of Praise: Hymnal S 279, Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

- 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Kids

*Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons.*

## The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## The Response

## Psalm 82

### *Deus stetit*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## The Second Lesson

## Hebrews 11:29-12:2

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Mr. Brett MacDonald

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

BCP, p. 392

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, and Hershey, our clergy; for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

*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**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem: O Taste and See**

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir; Jessica Bowen, soprano

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

-Psalm 34:8

**Presentation Hymn: Doxology**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP, p. 367

*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.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 367*

*Celebrant* ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: Hymnal S 114, Holy, holy, holy**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368*

*Celebrant* ...Therefore, according to his command O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 369*

*Celebrant* ...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.

*All* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, p. 364

**The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 155, Christ our Passover**

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:** Hymnal 304, I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

## 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* May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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:** Hymnal 555, Lead on, O King eternal

Lancashire

## The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

**Voluntary:** Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata in c minor, Op. 65 No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

Felix Mendelssohn wrote a series of voluntaries for a British publisher, which he then organized into sonatas. This triumphant march is the third (but not final) movement of the second sonata, and is in the same key as the closing hymn.

**Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship!  
Today we are celebrating Rev. Imogen's 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our rector.  
Come enjoy cake!**

## **Serving Today**

Ushers Karen and John Boyne  
Verger Ed Gavin  
Acolytes Callin Fee, George Hill, and Ryan Fee  
Lectors Jean and Gregg Knepley  
Chalicer and Intercessor Brother Paul Henry, OSF  
Flower Guild Kathy Acton  
Livestream & Sound Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong

## **Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Lynn Wiss in loving memory of Garin Wiss, The Rev. Robert and Juanita Kirchgessner, Barry Kent Kirchgessner and in thanksgiving for grandsons Will and Jake Doherty and by Peggy Hawks and Susan and Jane Jackson in loving memory of Sharon Jackson.

## **The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List**

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch; JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Janet Watrous; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Tamara Gregory; Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Randy Roberts; Bob Wood; Patricia Harris; Diane and Gary Gabbard; Mike Newton-Ward; Carolyn Lowery; Michael Riddle; Andrea; Katie Beaudoin; Ann and Afif Antoun and Family; Mr. Dolando; Jerry; The Moyer Family; The Burns Family; The Placa-Madsen Family; the people of Israel and Palestine; 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 St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes; St. Paul's, Smithfield; and San Jose, Smithfield.

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

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