

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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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.

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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 Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing 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

Processional Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Canticle 6, Glory be to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 202

- 1 Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
- 2 We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
- 3 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
- 4 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- 5 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
- 6 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
- 7 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
- 8 For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
- 9 thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put
your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as
the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
8 Do not fret yourself over the one
who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

The Second Lesson

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess
the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not
be there.
12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from
the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver
them, because they seek refuge in him.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal 505

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Sallie Simpson, Dcn.

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 and for all bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, Hershey, Miriam, and Sallie, our clergy and all 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.

Silence

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.**

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name, Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living, Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S 129

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. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

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 Hymns:

What does the Lord require

Hymnal 605

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymnal 178

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Father eternal, Ruler of creation

Hymnal 573

The Dismissal

Voluntary

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by William E. White, III, in loving memory of Carol Lewis White, William Elliott White, Jr. and Jean Smith White and by Reid and Donna Fitchett in loving memory of our parents, William and Dolores Graven and W. Reid and Anna Fitchett.

Serving Today

Ushers John & Karen Boyne
Verger Evan Meade
Acolytes Jack Boyne, Allison Elliot, Libby Boyne, and Isabel Elliot
Lectors Maggie Stoddard and Harry Johnson
Intercessor & Chalice Molly Propst
Flower Guild Margaret Nordt

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; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew; Janet Watrous; Reginald Fuller; Jerry Smith; Branch Alexander; Kathy Acton; Suzy McPherson; Alison Kindt; Dawn Downs; Susan Jorenby; Mike Deloatch; Jordan Maylee; Gary Blaettler; John Newcome; The Newcome 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, especially those impacted by Hurricane Helene and wildfires in Southern California.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Gwen Newcome.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints', Concord; Church of the Good Shepherd, Cooleemee; and St. Alban's, Davidson.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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