

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MAY 17, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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 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

Sarabande

Carl Bohm

Roman Mogilski, violin

*Sarabande written by Carl Bohm tells a dramatic tale. It starts with conflict followed by a grace period in the middle and returns to a period of conflict that ultimately ends with a dramatic close.*

### Processional Hymn

Crown him with many crowns  
Diademata

Hymnal 494

### 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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Canticle 20

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 278

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| 1 | Glory to God in the highest,<br>and peace to his people on earth.  | 4 | you take away the sin of the world;<br>have mercy on us;   |
| 2 | Lord God, heavenly King,<br>almighty God and Father,<br>we worship you, we give you thanks,<br>we praise you for your glory. | 5 | you are seated at the right hand of the Father;<br>receive our prayer.                                       |
| 3 | Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,<br>Lord God, Lamb of God,   | 6 | For you alone are the Holy One,<br>you alone are the Lord,   |
|   |  | 7 | you alone are the Most High,<br>Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,<br>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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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.*

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response** *(read responsively by half verse)*

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

***In te, Domine, speravi***

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| <p>1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *<br/>let those who hate him flee before him.</p> <p>2 Let them vanish like smoke<br/>when the wind drives it away; *<br/>as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked<br/>perish at the presence of God.</p> <p>3 But let the righteous be glad<br/>and rejoice before God; *<br/>let them also be merry and joyful.</p> <p>4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;<br/>exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *<br/>YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!</p> <p>5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *<br/>God in his holy habitation!</p> <p>6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth<br/>prisoners into freedom; *<br/>but the rebels shall live in dry places.</p> <p>7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *<br/>when you marched through the wilderness,</p> | <p>8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,<br/>at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *<br/>at the presence of God, the God of Israel.</p> <p>9 You sent a gracious rain, O God,<br/>upon your inheritance; *<br/>you refreshed the land when it was weary.</p> <p>10 Your people found their home in it; *<br/>in your goodness, O God, you have made<br/>provision for the poor.</p> <p>33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *<br/>sing praises to the Lord.</p> <p>34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *<br/>he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.</p> <p>35 Ascribe power to God; *<br/>his majesty is over Israel;<br/>his strength is in the skies.</p> <p>36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *<br/>the God of Israel giving strength and power<br/>to his people! Blessed be God!</p> |
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## Second Lesson

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

Wer nur den lieben Gott

## The Gospel

**John 17:1-1**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

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## 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.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

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

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

Intercessor For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

All **For your mercy is great.**

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

All **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.

*The People may add their own petitions*

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

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

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

All **Amen.**

## The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP, p. 364

**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** BCP, p. 364

**All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.**

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- To receive a gluten-free host, simply ask the deacon or priest.
- To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.
- To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.

**Communion Hymn** Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray Hymnal 315  
Song 1

**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. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

**The Blessing**

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. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Hymnal 460  
Hyfrydol

## 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

**Many thanks to Andy Lang, our substitute organist today!**

### Serving Today

Ushers Ryan Free, Callin Fee, George Hill, Libby Boyne

Verger Frankie Scanlon

Acolytes Ella Grayce Cherry, Juliet Gilbert, William Scanlon, Ella Bray Sharp

Lectors Anders Fyfe, Isabel Elliot, and Alison Elliott

Intercessor Lucia Sumanaseni

Chalice Bearers Isabel Elliot and Anders Fyfe

Altar Guild Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain,  
Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris

Flower Guild Molly Propst

Livestream and Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

### Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Gail Duncan in loving memory of her husband, Noah, their parents, Herbert & Trula Duncan and Bernard & Carolyn Shelley, her brother, Rowland Shelley, and Noah's brothers, Richard & Herbert Wayne Duncan.

### The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Nancy and Gregory Clemmons; Bob Bogert; Elise Abernathy; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; The Crum Family; the people of the Middle East; 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. Matthew's, Kernersville and St. David's, Laurinburg.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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