

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 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.

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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

The Prayer before Worship

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 833

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn: Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

The Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

The Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us

Hymnal S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 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 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 126

In convertendo

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

+7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

The Gospel

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Mr. Ian Finley

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP, p. 385

In the course of silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sam and Jennifer, our bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, and Hershey, our clergy; for Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro, and Holy Trinity, Greensboro; for the Anglican Church of Chile; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now silently or aloud.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Martin Bormann. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S 130

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. 362 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Invitation and Communion

*During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available in the Bride's Room
(the small room at the back of the church, beside the narthex)
to pray with anyone desiring prayers.*

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:

O God, unseen yet ever near

Hymnal 332

Jesus, all my gladness

Hymnal 701

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

Common Prayer, The Church of England

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The Prayer after Worship and The Blessing

BCP, p. 834

Celebrant Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Hymnal 149

The Dismissal

Voluntary

We extend a warm welcome and our thanks to Eddie Abernathy, our guest organist today.

Please join us immediately following this worship service for our monthly Community Lunch sponsored by Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team. Everyone is invited and all are welcome!

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ralph Sanders in loving memory of his wife, Ann Elizabeth Sanders, and in thanksgiving their sons, Sandy & Ben, and their families.

Serving Today

Ushers Sarah Boney and Dan Harris
Verger Evan Meade
Acolytes David Roten, Leighton Livengood, and Mason Livengood
Lectors Susan Lewellen and Julie Lowe
Intercessor & Chalicist Julie Lowe
Livestream and Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild Molly Propst

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; Jerry Smith; Branch Alexander; Kathy Acton;
Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Katie Beaudoin; Caitlin Carter-Corker;
Lisa Kmonicek-Simpson; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Josephine Currin;
Dawn Downs; Jordan Maylee; Margaret Park; The Bormann and Mogilski Families;
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.

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

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro, and Holy Trinity, Greensboro.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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