THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY AND YOUTH SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 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 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

Laura Byrne, harp, and Pamela Nelson, flute

Processional Hymn: The King of love my Shepherd is — Hymnal 646

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 9:36-43**

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Anthem: The Lord is My Shepherd Setting: John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Second Lesson **Revelation 7:9-17**

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who

have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Jerusalem the golden Hymnal 624

The Gospel **John 10:22-30**

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon Miss Ashelyn Gilbert

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

New Member Liturgy

Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we offer thanksgiving for our beloved siblings in Christ, listed below, who have joined The Church of the Good Shepherd during the past year:

George and Penelope Bliss

Julie Fox

Gretchen and Kevin Ginnerty

Amy and Dan Hepp

Sandra and Darryl Hernandez

Jason and Jaimee Hingerton

Lisa and Perry Jennings

Kristin Oliver

Bethany Pergerson

Suzanne, Guynn, and Ella Prince

Paisley, Buxton and Eliza Paisley Ward

Carolyn Zuttel

Celebrant Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for these your servants who seek to grow in love of you and to serve others in your name. We thank you for calling them to The Church of the Good Shepherd, and for all the ways that their prayers and presence enrich our community and proclaim your Resurrection in the world.

Addressing the new members

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, North Carolina?

New Members **I do.**

Celebrant Will you prayerfully engage in the life and mission of this diverse community of God's people, praying and working with us in ministry together?

New Members **I will.**

Celebrant Will you share with us regularly in the worship of God and in the financial support of our ministries, offering your talents to our collective work, so that everything may be done for the building up of God's Kingdom on earth?

New Members **I will.**

Addressing the congregation

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, embrace and encourage your siblings in Christ as together we become one flock, led by one shepherd?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Gracious God, bless this parish and those whom we serve. Keep us steadfast in faith and hope. Help us to welcome all members of your fold at all times and in all places, that they might know your love and out of that love may seek to do your will. **Amen**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Setting: Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay: One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work bepraise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

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 Hymns:

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Hymnal 343
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness Hymnal 339

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: Ye holy angels bright Hymnal 625

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

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

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

Closing Voluntary

Paul Neebe, trumpet

Please join us for Fellowship Time immediately following this service.
Today's fellowship is hosted by Good Shepherd's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community).

We extend a warm welcome and our thanks to our guest musicians this morning:
Laura Byrne, Paul Neebe, and Pamela Nelson.

Serving Today

Ushers	Libby Boyne, Don Blankenship, and Harold Ramsey
Verger	Ali Cherry
Acolytes	Noah Swindell, Quincy Swindell, Benjamin Zomorodi, Arianna Zomorodi, and Ella Grayce Cherry
Lectors	Mason Livengood and Alisha McEnaney
Gospeler	Noah Swindell
Intercessor	Jack Boyne
Announcements	Leighton Livengood
Chalicists	Jesse Stoddard and Quincy Swindell
Flower Guild	Lisa Jennings
Livestream & Sound	Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Todd Poston & Carolyn Wilson
in loving memory of his parents, Tom & Bobbie Poston,
and in thanksgiving for her parents, Laurence & Betsy Wilson.

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; Joe Fasciano; Susie Rahal; Josephine Currin; Carol Monahan; Katie Beaudoin; Diane Pergerson; Rock Kershaw; The Phillips Family; The Kinsella Family; The Hitch 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.

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

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's, Huntersville, and Church of the Saviour, Jackson.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai).

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