

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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!



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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: Amazing Grace

arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbell Choir

This arrangement of “Amazing Grace” is for three octaves of handbells and handchimes. It also calls for singing bells at the beginning and end of the piece – a technique where the player holds the bell upright and runs a smooth wooden stick around the rim of the bell to create resonance.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 10, New every morning is the love

Kedron

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 280, Canticle 20, 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.



The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Lector A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 482, Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Imogen Rhodenhiser

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: Jesus, I Adore Thee

Stephen Caracciolo

Chancel Choir

Jesus I adore thee, Word of truth and grace, Who in glory shineth light upon our race.

Christ, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed. Alpha and Omega, thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; Faith that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.

I believe whatever the Son of God hath told. What the truth hath spoken that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light, Teach me how to love and worship thee aright.

Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart, Speaking thy commandments, telling all thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace. Lo, in glory's heaven I see thee face to face.

Light of endless light whom heaven and earth adore, Fill me with thy radiance now and evermore.

-Thomas Aquinas

The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.

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: LEVAS 178, Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, _____ sweet hour of prayer.
 2. wait for thee, _____ sweet hour of prayer.
 3. well, fare - well, _____ sweet hour of prayer!"

Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

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 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it. 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 665, All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Voluntary: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Douglas E. Wagner

This piece is based on the hymn tune "Old 100th", attributed to Louis Bourgeois, and the tune for the Doxology that we sing.

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time and enjoy snacks and beverages. Today's Fellowship Time is hosted by Good Shepherd's Books Bagels Book Club.

Serving Today

Ushers	Drew Elliot and Kay Stallings
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Quincy Swindell, Isabel Elliot, and Allison Elliot
Lectors	Gregg and Jean Knepley
Chalicer and Intercessor	Molly Propst
Altar Guild	Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias, Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Flower Guild	Margaret Nordt
Livestream and Sound	Richard Netherby and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Betty Dietz, Paisley Dietz Ward, and Burton Dietz, Jr., in loving memory of Burton H. Dietz, Sr., and by Carolyn Wilson and Todd Poston in honor of Larry Wilson in celebration of his 85th birthday.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Tamara Gregory; Bob Kirchgessner; Randy Roberts; Larry Phearse and Family; Garrett Stewart; Glenna Musante; Libni; A.B. Swindell; The Lingerfelt Family; The Williams Family; The Hoch Family; The Kochersberger-Watrous 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. Paul's, Winston-Salem; St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem; and St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem.

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

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