

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 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!*



## 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:** Chorale from “Diptych”

Dobrinka Tabakova

The text of today’s Processional Hymn begins, “O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.” Bulgarian-British composer Dobrinka Tabakova’s style is marked with dense harmonies, and you will hear depth and broadness (and perhaps height) in this second movement of her suite for organ, “Diptych”.

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 448, O love, how deep, how broad, how high    Deus tuorum militum

**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 278, 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

*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

**Exodus 32:7-14**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

## Psalm 51:1-11

*Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- †11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.



## The Second Lesson

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Lector* A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost

patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Hymnal 393, Praise our great and gracious Lord

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## **The Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Justin Gabbard

## **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 Order of The Daughters of the King®

## The Service of Admission

*The Candidate for Admission is Arlene Loder.*

*Presider* It is my privilege to present **Arlene Loder** as a candidate for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King.

*Clergy* We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to admit this woman into The Order of the Daughters of the King. We commend her to your earnest prayers that she may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that her labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people.

*Addressing the candidate:*

*Clergy* The Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism. Do you desire to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King?

*Candidate* I do.

*Clergy* Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

*Candidate* I do with God's help.

*Clergy* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive and admit you as a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King.

*Addressing the congregation:*

*Clergy* Will you support this woman in her ministry of prayer and service?

*All* **We will.**

*The clergy blesses the crosses.*

*Clergy* Bless, O Lord, this cross and grant to your servant now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that she may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. **Amen.**

*The new member is presented her cross with the following words: "Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."*

*New*

*Member* Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## *All Daughters*

*of the King* O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Clergy* May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Clergy* The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



### **ABOUT THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING®**

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it.

The Mission of The Order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. In their Rule of Life, Prayer always comes first. It is the first priority for Daughters, and their Service and Evangelism depend upon it. Part of every Daughter's Rule of Prayer is to pray daily:

- For the unity of Christ's church
- For the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls
- For God's blessing upon the members of The Order
- For the spiritual growth of the parish and for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance

The Church of the Good Shepherd is richly blessed to have an active and committed chapter of The Daughters of the King holding our parish in constant prayer. The Bethesda Chapter was founded at The Church of the Good Shepherd in 1986. For more information about the Daughters of the King, please contact Mary Jezierny (919.243.0826).

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem: God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

### Presentation Hymn: Come and see what God is doing

Cwm Rhondda

Come and see what God is doing: His are works of power and grace;  
Round the world His Word is going, Giving light to every place.  
'Tis a day expected long, Theme of old prophetic song.  
Theme of old prophetic song.

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      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.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 367*

*Celebrant* ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus: Hymnal S 128, Holy, holy, holy

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*

*Celebrant* ...Therefore, according to his command O Father,

*All*      **We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 369*

*Celebrant* ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, p. 364

**The Fraction Anthem:** Hymnal S 154, Christ our Passover

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 Hymn:** Hymnal 645, The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

**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 470, There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

**The Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

**Voluntary:** Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

“There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea... For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind...” This monumental piece by Bach is in three large sections, the second one being the most substantial. The first section is light and airy, while the second section utilizes dense chords and suspensions. The third section builds to a powerful and satisfying conclusion.

**Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages.  
Today's fellowship time is hosted by parishioners from the Holly Springs area.**

### **Serving Today**

Ushers Sarah Boney and Cheryl Cozzi  
Verger Evan Meade  
Acolytes Ella Grayce Cherry, Libby Boyne, and Anders Fyfe  
Lectors Maggie Stoddard and Ian Finley  
Chalicer and Intercessor Jennifer Tlusty  
Altar Guild Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain, Peg Dorer,  
Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris  
Flower Guild Anne Doster  
Livestream & Sound Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

### **Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by James Christopher Deal  
in loving memory of James Carroll Deal and in thanksgiving for  
Judia Deal, Joseph Horton, Eric Horton and Chase Horton.

### **The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List**

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor;  
Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch;  
JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Janet Watrous;  
Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Susie Rahal;  
Tamara Gregory; Larry Phearse and Family; Bob Kirchgessner; Randy Roberts; Bob Wood;  
Patricia Harris; Diane and Gary Gabbard; Jerry; Smith Lingerfelt; Maria; Carol Cato;  
Regina Haggerty; Peter Smith; Nicholas Smith; Perry; David Lovelace; Leslie Myszka;  
Michael Koslow; The Placa-Madsen Family; The Riddle-Roberts Family; The Bass 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  
Calvary, Wadesboro, and St. John's, Wake Forest.

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

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