THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MARCH 15, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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: Rhosymedre — Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hyejin Park, organ

Introit: Children of the Heavenly Father — arr. Margrethe Hokanson

Good Shepherd Choir

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ever was given.
God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children never forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 663, The Lord my God my shepherd is — Crimond

Opening Acclamation — 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

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Kyrie — BCP, p. 356

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Godly Play

Children ages 5 years old through 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 **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Lector A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 23**

Dominus regit me

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 490, I want to walk as a child of the light Houston

The Gospel **John 9:1-41**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means

Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Reverend Devin McGinnis, Dcn.

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form I BCP, p. 383

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those on our parish Prayer List, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Karen Nelson Pursley, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution BCP, p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: My Song in the Night arr. Paul Christiansen

Chancel Choir

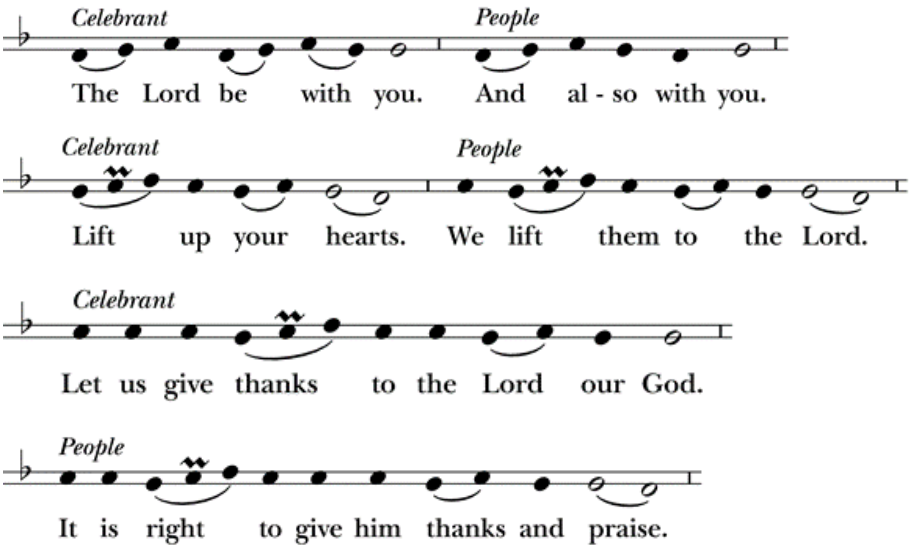
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my souls' delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

Presentation Hymn: Hymnal 143, The glory of these forty days Erhalt uns, Herr

(stanza 5)

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 124, Holy, holy, holy Lord

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: Hymnal S 160, Lamb of God

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

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 Anthem: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. 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 wandering 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 be praise!
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.

-Psalm 23; Paraphrase by Isaac Watts

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.

All **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 Solemn Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

With the people kneeling, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 493, O for a thousand tongues to sing Azmon

The Dismissal

Voluntary: Postlude on Rathbun David Cherwien

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship with snacks and beverages. Today's fellowship hosts are members of the EYC (Episcopal Youth Community).

Serving Today

Ushers	Kay Stallings and Grace Sved
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Ella Grayce Cherry, Leighton Livengood, Mason Livengood, and Ella Bray Sharp
Lectors	William Hendrickson and Jennifer Tlusty
Intercessor & Chalicists	Jennifer Tlusty and William Hendrickson
Livestream and Sound	Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong
Altar Guild	Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain, Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
Flower Guild	Anne Doster and Randy Roberts

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
The Boyne, Fyfe, Scanlon, and Swindell families in loving memory of Mary Beth Fee.

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; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Gary Blaettler; Sheldon Smith; Debbie Gibbs; Pattie Head; Rock Kershaw and Family; Becky Yates; John Anthony Allen and Family; Elise Abernathy; Bernadette Infante; Walter Wojtczak; Missy Takacs; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Kent; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Mogilski, Bormann, and Dangerfield Families; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley 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.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Karen Nelson Pursley.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Michael Riddle, Al Bass, Smith Lingerfelt, Paul Hoch, The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, and Nolan Simon.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke's, Eden; Church of the Epiphany, Eden; and Galloway Memorial Church, Elkin.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

8 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

4 PM Holy Week Concert

Monday-Friday

9 AM Morning Prayer

Holy Wednesday

12 Noon Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12 Noon Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday

7 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 AM Easter Egg Dash

10:15 Festival Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 AM Beyond Our Doors Neighborhood Lunch