THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 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 Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary

Processional Hymn: Earth and all stars — Hymnal 412

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

Hymn of Praise: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in Excelsis* Hymnal S 278

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

Lector A reading from Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.
Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.
Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 125**

Qui confidunt



[1] Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
[2] The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

[3] The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway A
over the land alloted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
[4] Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good * B
and to those who are true of heart.
[5] As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, B
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Second Lesson **James 2:1-17**

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: What does the Lord require Hymnal 605

The Gospel **Mark 7:24-37**

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. 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 Michael, our presiding bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop-elect; and Sam and Jennifer our bishops and for all bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Nancy, our clergy and all 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.

Silence

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 Absolution BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ed, Chas and Hunter Sharp in loving memory of Jan Sharp and by Pattie and Rebecca Lamb in loving memory of Bob Lamb.

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Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.

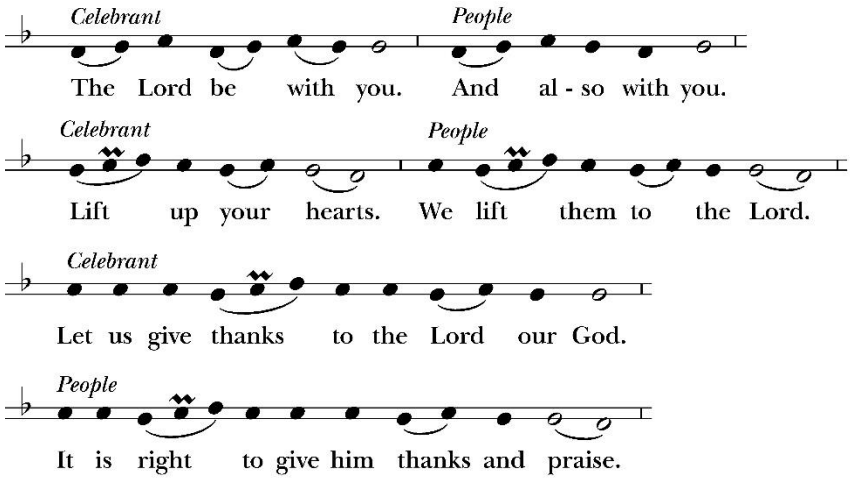
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Open my eyes — K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you. Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings with truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth both in public and private. Amen.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology — Hymnal 380 v. 3

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



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

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy — 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. 362 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant … Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant … All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.



The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God 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 Anthem: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Chris Tomlin

Jared Hernandez, tenor

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.**

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Christ for the world we sing! Hymnal 537

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Carolyn Owens; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Ginny Byrd; Mitchell Lawrence; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch; Carolyn Watson; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Shirley Caudill; Larry Bledsoe; Stephanie Rivers; Jane Mayhew; Jeffrey Halbstein-Harris; Janet Watrous; The students, faculty, and community of St. Augustine's University; John; Mary Best; Tessa; Jeremiah Farmer; Joyce Norelli; Jim Vitale; The Clayton Family; The Pritchard Family; Campbell and Evan McMillan; the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia; all victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, and storms.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Calvary Church, Tarboro; St. Luke's, Tarboro; and St. Michael's, Tarboro.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)**.**

Serving Today

Ushers	Jack and Nan Boyne
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Callin Fee, Ryan Fee, and Anders Fyfe
Lectors	Jean and Gregg Knepley
Intercessor & Chalicist	Molly Propst
Livestream & Sound	Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Judi Mathis