

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MARCH 1, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE SECOND 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:** Vesper Voluntary No. 2

Edward Elgar

This short piece in D Minor has a lilt and singable melody. It is also in the parallel minor key of the opening hymn, which is in D Major.

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 489, The great Creator of the worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

**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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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.



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## The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of

Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Hymnal 634, I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Ich ruf zu dir

### **The Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 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, 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

Celebrant 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:** Hide not Thou Thy face from us

Richard Farrant

Chancel Choir

*Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servants in Thy displeasure;*

*For we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.*

*For Thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.*

**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.



## Invitation and Communion

*During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available  
in the Bride's Room to pray with anyone desiring prayers.*

**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 337, And now, O Father, mindful of the love      Unde et memores

## 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 Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Hymnal 637, How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Lyons

## **The Dismissal**

**Voluntary:** Passacaglia in D Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Like the Opening Voluntary, this piece is in D Minor, bookending the service tonally. A Passacaglia is a piece with a recurring bass line, which you will hear in the pedals, while the hands play varying textures and variations over the bass line. Reflect on the text of the Closing Hymn today, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!"

**Please join us immediately following this service for our monthly Neighborhood Lunch hosted by Good Shepherd's Beyond Our Doors ministry team.**

**Everyone is invited and all are welcome!**

### **Serving Today**

Ushers Joe Aldridge and Jason Hingerton  
Lectors Phyllis Vail and Maggie Stoddard  
Intercessor & Chalice Ian Finley  
Livestream and Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong  
Altar Guild David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Br. Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley,  
Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss  
Flower Guild Amanda Penny

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Gerard McNeill  
in thanksgiving for The Church of the Good Shepherd's Beyond Our Doors Ministry.

### **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; Bob Kochersberger and Family;  
Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; Mogilski, Bormann, and Dangerfield Families;  
The Babbs Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families;  
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.

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 Iglesia El Buen Pastor, Durham;  
St. Joseph's, Durham; and St. Luke's, Durham.

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

### **Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online**

Use the QR code to the right to give online.





# Lenten Suppers

On **Wednesday evenings** in Lent, The Church of the Good Shepherd will host a series of covered dish meals in Shepherd's Hall.

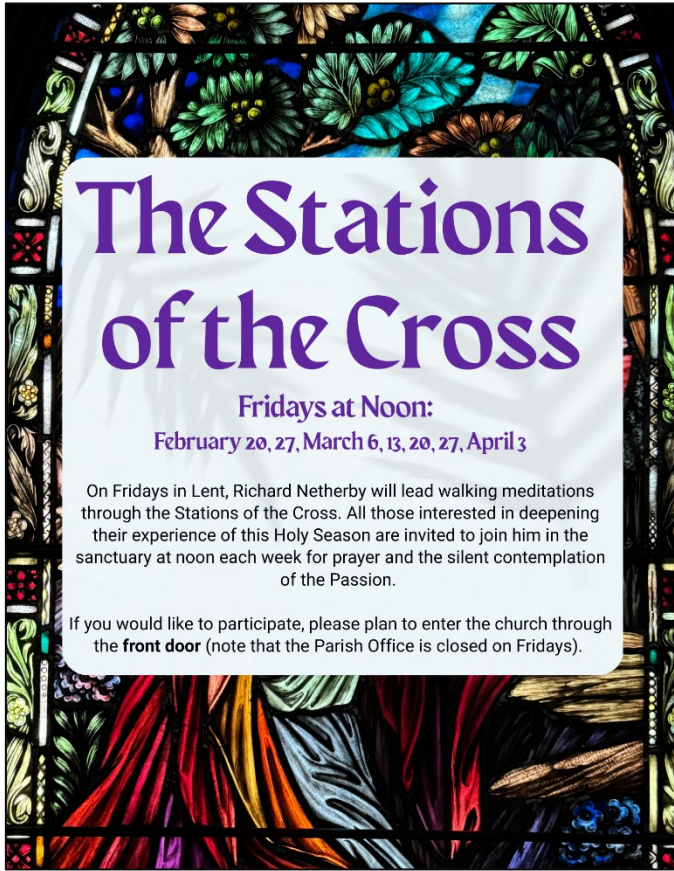
Join us for food, fellowship, and an opportunity to reflect on our shared journey through this Holy Season.

These gatherings will be held on  
**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25**



Bring a dish and join us!  
Scan here to RSVP each week.

Ask David Baggett if you have any questions!



# The Stations of the Cross

**Fridays at Noon:**  
**February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3**

On Fridays in Lent, Richard Netherby will lead walking meditations through the Stations of the Cross. All those interested in deepening their experience of this Holy Season are invited to join him in the sanctuary at noon each week for prayer and the silent contemplation of the Passion.

If you would like to participate, please plan to enter the church through the **front door** (note that the Parish Office is closed on Fridays).



# Easter Sunday Flower Orders

The Altar Guild of The Church of the Good Shepherd is offering the opportunity to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday, April 5.

To place an order, please fill out the order form by March 15. Potted Easter Lilies are \$20 and Hydrangeas are \$30.

Scan the QR code to place your order by March 15.





**Join us for VBS!**  
**Kids Pre-K through 5th Grade**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## JUNE 15 - 18, 2026

Nursery care will be available for younger children.

**Info/Register here:**  
[cgs-raleigh.org/vbs](http://cgs-raleigh.org/vbs)




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