

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 5, 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: On this day earth shall ring

Hymnal 92

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant I bring you good news of great joy.

People **A Savior has been born. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Unto us a child is born.

People **Unto us a Son is given.**

Celebrant Alleluia! This is Christ the Lord.

People **We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Canticle 6, Glory be to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 204

- 1 Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
- 2 We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
- 3 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.
- 4 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- 5 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
- 6 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
- 7 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father,
have mercy upon us.
- 8 For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
- 9 Thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high 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, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of
the north, and gather them from the
farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with
child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not
stumble; for I have become a father to
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of
Zion, and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the
herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the
dance, and the young men and the old shall
be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness
for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my
bounty,
says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Psalm 84:1-8

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Lector A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: We three kings of Orient are

Hymnal 128

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Allison

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 and for all bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Nancy, Hershey, and Sallie, 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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Come, Jesus, Holy Child

Healey Willan

Come, Jesus, holy Child, to me; Close tight my heart to all but Thee; And with Thy Holy Spirit's grace Make me, dear Lord, Thy dwelling place.

And leave with me not, Thou welcome Guest, A promise in Thy Word expressed, With Thee alone will always be All joy and blessedness for me.

With joy and love I wait for Thee To come with Thy good gifts to me; Stay close to me through all my days; Then let me sing in heav'n Thy praise.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures her below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Hymnal S 129

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 in the Book of Common Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Invitation and Communion

During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available in the Bride's Room

(the small room at the back of the church, beside the narthex)

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 Hymns:

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
Of the Father's love begotten

Hymnal 81

Hymnal 82

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. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Love came down at Christmas

Hymnal 84

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

Please join us immediately following this service for lunch and fellowship!

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Sarah Stohler
in loving memory of her husband, Hugh Dale Stohler.

Serving Today

Ushers	Cheryl Cozzi and James Deal
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Ali Cherry, Callin Fee, Ryan Fee, and Ella Grayce Cherry
Lectors	Todd Poston and Grace Sved
Intercessor & Chalcist	Brother Paul Henry, OSF
Video and Audio	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Amanda Penny
Fellowship Hosts	Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew; Janet Watrous; The students, faculty, and community of St. Augustine's University; Rebecca Lamb; Kathy Acton; Patricia Harris; Amy Proseus; Reginald Fuller; Dawn Downs; Elise Abernathy; Mike Newton-Ward; Derek Tahj'e Corron; Glenda Holloway; Gary Blaettler; Pam Zullinger; The Davidson Family; The McComas Family; The Fuller, Longerbeam, and Spencer Families; the victims of the New Year's Day attack in New Orleans; the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, and storms, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of the Ascension at Fork, Advance; Christ Church, Albemarle; Good Shepherd, Asheboro.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Use the QR code to the right to give online.

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



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