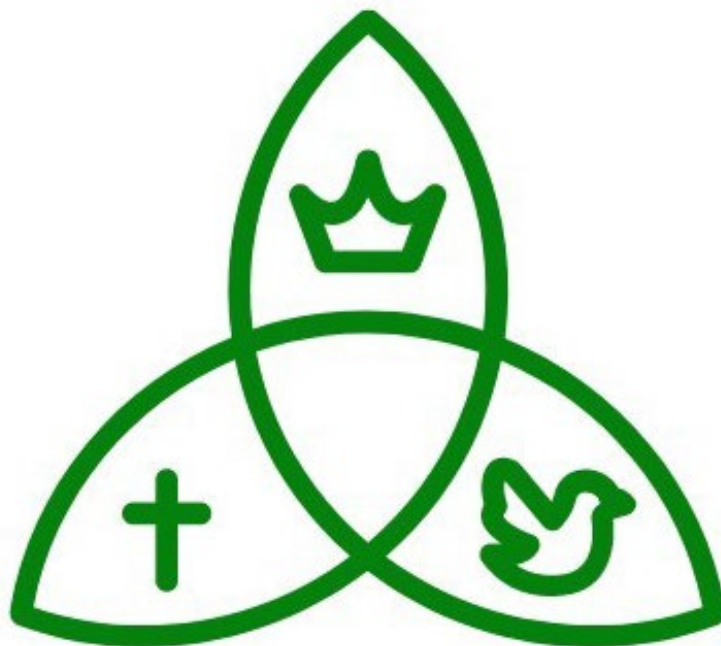


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2026 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 Andante con moto from Sonata in D Major, Op. 65 No. 5 Felix Mendelssohn

Today's service is bookended by two movements from Felix Mendelssohn's 5th organ sonata. The sonata has three movements, the first movement being an original chorale. This movement is dance-like, with a staccato pedal line.

Processional Hymn Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty Hymnal 362
Nicaea

The 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 forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Celebrant The lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

Canticle 20 Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S 280

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| 1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. | 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, |
| 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. | 7 you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |
| 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. | |

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 300

Celebrant The lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel and Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Chapel and Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your
adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!



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The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Lector A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
Moscow

Hymnal 371

The Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Mr. Harry Johnson

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 Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, 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 Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Prayer for Peace
Chancel Choir

David Cherwien

*O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!
Remember, Lord, thy works of old, the wonders that thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!
Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful world?
None ever called on thee in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord 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. 371 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant ... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal S 155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation and Communion

BCP, p. 364

All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- To receive a gluten-free host, simply ask the deacon or priest.
- To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.
- To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymn

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen
Adoro devote

Hymnal 314

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

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

Celebrant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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

Let us, with a gladsome mind
Monkland

Hymnal 389

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Voluntary Allegro maestoso from Sonata in D Major, Op. 65 No. 5 Felix Mendelssohn
The finale of Mendelssohn's 5th Organ Sonata is improvisatory and toccata-like. It includes two of Mendelssohn's favorite musical gestures, octave leaps and pedal scales. "Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind..."

**Please join us immediately following this service for
Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by
Good Shepherd's Out & About Group.
Contact: Br. Paul Henry, osf.**

Serving Today

Ushers	Nan and Jack Boyne
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Ryan Fee, George Hill, and Callin Fee
Lectors	Gregg and Jean Knepley
Intercessor & Chalice	Bethany Pergerson
Altar Guild	Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris & Sue Lavalla, Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan
Flower Guild	Brother Paul Henry, OSF
Livestream & Sound	Michael Burkhart and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Michael Springston and David Roten in loving memory of Michael's father, Jerry Springston, and David's mother, Elizabeth Roten.

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; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Nancy and Gregory Clemmons; Bob Bogert; Elise Abernathy; Allison Bowers; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; The Crum 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.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of
The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer,
Nolan Simon, Karen Pursley, and Deborah Cooke.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
St. Matthias', Louisburg; St. Paul's, Louisburg; and Church of the Messiah, Mayodan.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (The Anglican Church of Rwanda).

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