

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AUGUST 16, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 Vesper Voluntary in D Major, Op. 14 No. 8 Edward Elgar

This is the final piece in British composer Edward Elgar's Op. 14 Vesper Voluntaries. Each of these miniature pieces have their own character and charm. This one has a peaceful reflective quality, and the coda reintroduces a theme from the beginning of the set, ending triumphantly and joyfully.

Processional Hymn Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Hymnal 410
Lauda anima

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 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 279

- 1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
- 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
- 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.
- 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
- 7 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

BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **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.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Deus misereatur

Psalm 67

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.



6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

†7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth
stand in awe of him.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

God of mercy, God of grace

Hymnal 538

Lucerna Laudoniae

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan

Chancel Choir; Andy Lang, organ

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.*

*If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

Presentation Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymnal 705, stanza 3

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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 124

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,

People **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

Lamb of God

Hymnal S 161

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

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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.

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

Closing Hymn

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling
Tidings

Hymnal 539

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

Andy Lang, organ

Please join us immediately following this service for Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages hosted by the Garner Zip Codes. Contact: Julie Crain

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Lynn Wiss
in loving memory of Garin Wiss, The Rev. Robert and Juanita Kirchgessner,
Barry Kent Kirchgessner, and in thanksgiving for grandsons Will and Jake Doherty
and by Susan and Jane Jackson in loving memory of Peggy Hawks and Sharon Jackson.

Serving Today

Ushers Jason Hingerton and Joe Aldridge
Verger David Roten
Acolytes Juliet Gilbert and Lucia Sumanaseni
Lectors William Hendrickson and Jason Hingerton
Intercessor & Chalcist Molly Propst
Altar Guild Pattie Lamb, Becky Anderson, Whitney Cain,
Peg Dorer, Brenda Fentress, and Ginger Harris
Flower Guild Molly Propst
Livestream & Sound Richard Netherby and Sam DeShong

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;
Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Larry Phearse and Family;
Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; Bill White; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory;
Lynda Terrell-Rea; Elise Abernathy; Marsha Sample; Susan Doty; The Fyfe and Simon Families;
The Pursley Family; The Cooke Family; The Rahal and Anderson Families;
The Smith and Acton Families; The Vitaglione Family; the people of Colombia;
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,
Deborah Cooke, Susie Rahal, Jerry Smith, and Guy Vitaglione.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes and St. Paul's, Smithfield.

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

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online



Announcements for Sunday, August 16

Today

In addition to today's services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15 AM

8:30 AM - 12 Noon

Nursery Care Available (infant-5 yo)

11:30 AM

- Fellowship Time sponsored by the Garner Zip Codes
- August Book Study – PLC Room 323

6:00 PM

Out and About (1200 Kimbolton Drive, Cary)

August Book Study

Brett MacDonald class on Peter Enns' book *The Bible Tells Me So* continues **today after**

the 10:15 service and will continue through the end of the month in the Adult Formation Room (PLC 323).

This Week's Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, August 17	9 AM Morning Prayer
Tues, August 18	9 AM Morning Prayer
Wed, August 19	• 9 AM - o Morning Prayer - o Kaffeeklatsch (fellowship group) at Café Carolina (2130 Clark Ave, Raleigh 27605) • 12 PM Noonday Eucharist • 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting on Zoom
Thur, August 20	• 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Starbucks (3800 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607) • 9 AM Morning Prayer
Fri, August 21	9 AM Morning Prayer
Sat, August 22	5:30 PM EYC Pool Party

Out and About

Our next OUT & ABOUT event will take place **tonight at 6 PM** at the home of Anna and David Howard at 1200 Kimbolton Drive, Cary 27511. We gather at 6 PM every third Sunday of the month at a host's home for a potluck meal, fellowship and lots of fun. For more information, contact **Brother Paul Henry OSF** by text (954)448-8931.

Back to School Blessings

Students of all ages, teachers, college professors--anyone starting (or has already started) a new school year--you are invited to bring your backpack, book bag, or briefcase with you to church **next Sunday, August 23rd** for our annual Back to School Blessing during the 10:15 worship service.

From the Diocese

The Diocese of North Carolina is embarking on a process of discernment and celebration that will result in the election and consecration of the 13th Bishop of North Carolina. This work involves the WHOLE body of Christ, not just the clergy, and YOU are invited to apply to participate as a member of the Search Committee or the Transition Committee. The application window opened August 3rd and **will close August 25th**. For more information about these two committees and to apply, go to episditionc.org and click the blue button "BISHOP SEARCH" in the upper right corner.

Welcome Rev. Polly Robb

The Rev. Polly Robb will be joining us as our new part-time **Associate Rector for Family Ministry and Spiritual Life** starting on September 1st. Polly's gifts for ministry and leadership combined with her experience as a rector and school principal seem ideally suited to the needs and opportunities we are currently experiencing here at Good Shepherd. In the areas of formation, pastoral support of children and parents, preaching, and teaching, we stand to be richly blessed by Polly's priesthood and presence.

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James Deal
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James Joslin
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Drew Elliott
Jason Hingerton
Harry Johnson
Susan Lewellen

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