

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025 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: Adagio from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65 No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit: If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the spirit of truth.

Processional Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 278

- 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 Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 & Invitation to Children's Chapel & Godly Play

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 Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!



The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: We walk by faith, and not by sight

Hymnal 209

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Justin Gabbard

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Enlighten Sam and Jennifer our bishops and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Bless and keep all your people.

All **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant adds a closing collect.

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: I give you a new commandment

Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

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 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 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. 371

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 ...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 ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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 Hymn: For the bread which you have broken

Hymnal 343

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. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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: Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

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 assai vivace from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65 No. 1

Mendelssohn

Please join us for Fellowship Time immediately following this service for “nibbles” and lemonade. Today’s fellowship is hosted by Good Shepherd parishioners who have a Cary zip code.

Serving Today

Ushers Frank Fee and Jason Hingerton

Verger David Roten

Acolytes Noah Scanlon, Frankie Scanlon, Libby Boyne, Allison Elliot, and Isabell Elliot

Lectors Harry Johnson and Grace Sved

Chalicer and Intercessor Jennifer Tlusty

Flower Guild Molly Propst

Livestream & Sound Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Gail Duncan in loving memory of her husband, Noah,
their parents, Herbert & Trula Duncan and Bernard & Carolyn Shelley,
her brother Rowland Shelley, and Noah's brothers, Richard & Herbert Wayne Duncan.

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;
JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew;
Janet Watrous; Jerry Smith; Branch Alexander; Margaret Park; Bob Kirchgessner;
Josephine Placa; Caitlin Carter-Corker; Lynda Terrell-Rea; Susie Rahal; Josephine Currin;
Carol Monahan; Katie Beaudoin; Diane Pergerson; Rock Kershaw; Tamara Gregory;
The Phillips Family; The Kinsella Family; The Hitch Family; The Piccirillo Family;
the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia;
victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
St. Matthew's, Kernersville, and St. David's, Laurinburg.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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