# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## MAY 3, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 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: Voluntary:** Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior arr. Jacob B. Weber
Handbell Choir
*See Hymnal 314*

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 213, Come away to the skies Middlebury

**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

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. **Amen.**

**Canticle 20:** Hymnal S 278, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

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

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. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 7:55-60**

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
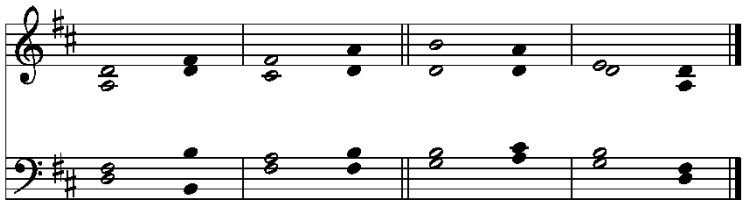
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response** **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

***In te, Domine, speravi***

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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[1] In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
[2] Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
[3] Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name,
lead me and guide me.
[4] Take me out of the net that they have
secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
[5] Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
[15] My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
† [16] Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

**Second Lesson** **1 Peter 2:22-10**

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner",
and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Hymnal 487, Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life The Call

**The Gospel** **John 14:1-14**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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.
For all people in their daily life and work;
All **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
All **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Sara, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; for Imogen, Justin, Hershey, and Devin, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;

All **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

All **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.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All **Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable 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:** At The Name of Jesus — Suzanne Toolan

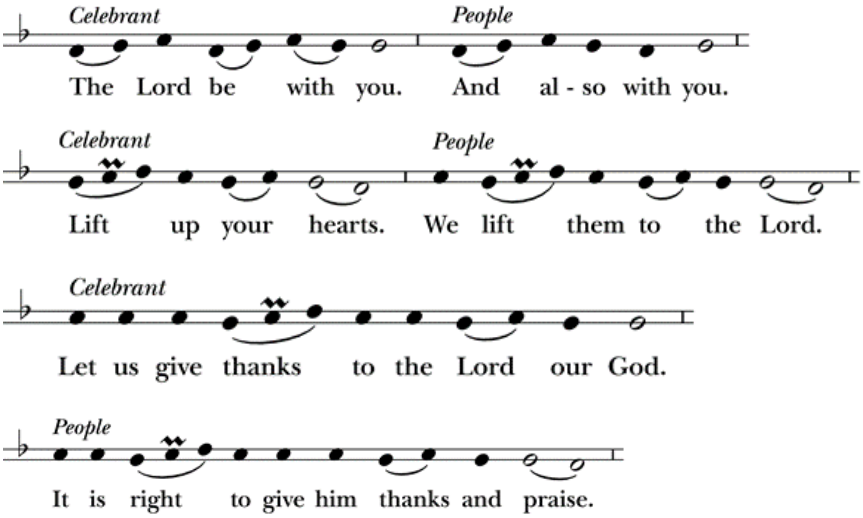
Chancel Choir

*At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend.*
*'Tis our God's great pleasure we should speak God's name,*
*Who from the beginning was forever the same.*
*Humbled for a season, to receive a name*
*From the lips of peoples unto whom he came.*
*Christ is truly Savior, Christ, the God adored,*
*Ever to be worshiped, evermore adored.*
*In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue*
*All that is not holy, all that is not true.*
*Sisters, brothers, Jesus dwells with us again*
*Now to let his vision over our hearts to reign.*
*-Philippians 2: 5-7*
*-Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877*

**Presentation Hymn:** Doxology with Alleluias — Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here 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



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** Hymnal S 128, Holy, holy, holy

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.*

Celebrant … Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
**We proclaim his resurrection,**
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 369 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem:** Hymnal S 154, Christ our Passover

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

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

**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:** Hymnal 1, Father, we praise thee Christe sanctorum

**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**

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. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Hymnal 525, The Church's one foundation Aurelia

**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:** Now the Green Blade Rises Hal H. Hopson

*See Hymnal 204*

**Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship and our monthly Neighborhood Lunch hosted by Good Shepherd's Beyond Our Doors ministry team. Contact: Gerard McNeill (919.270.3078)**

**Serving Today**

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| Ushers | Terry Sullivan and Grace Sved |
| Verger | Evan Meade |
| Acolytes | Leighton Livengood, Juliet Gilbert, and Mason Livengood |
| Lectors | Phyllis Vail and Maggie Stoddard |
| Intercessor & Chalicist | Bethany Pergerson |
| Altar Guild | David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Br. Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley, Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss |
| Flower Guild | Kathy Acton |
| Livestream and Sound | Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong |

**Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Julie, Steve and Charlie Lowe in loving memory of Matthew Joseph Lowe.

**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; Elise Abernathy; NY Mike Smith; Tamara Gregory; Michael Blake; Holly Rogers; Patti Head; Nancy and Gregory Clemmons; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; The Cooke 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. Christopher's, High Point, St. Mary's, High Point, and St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of North India (United).

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

# Announcements for Sunday, May 3rd

## 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)

**9 AM**

- Kids Sunday School (5 yo-5th grade)
- Adult Formation
  - *Philadelphia Eleven* Film Series with Rev. Justin in Room 323.
  - Adult Bible Study with Debbie Moyer in Room 303.

**11:30 AM**

- Neighborhood Lunch and fellowship hosted by Beyond Our Doors.

**This Week's Calendar**

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Monday, May 4 | 9 AM Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday, May 5 | • 9 AM Morning Prayer<br>• 10:30 AM Bible Study with Rev. Imogen in the Ennis Suite<br>• 4:30 PM Jr Choristers' Rehearsal<br>• 5:30 PM Bible Study at Van & Gigi Giersch's home (6433 Chapman Court, Raleigh 27612) |
| Wednesday, May 6 | • 9 AM<br>○ Morning Prayer<br>○ Kaffeeklatsch Fellowship Group at Café Carolina & Bakery in the Village District<br>• 12 Noon Holy Eucharist<br>• 1 PM Pastoral Care Team Meeting in Room 403<br>• 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, May 7 | • 8:30 AM Books & Bagels Book Group at Chanticleer Café & Bakery (6490 Tryon Road, Cary 27518)<br>• 9 AM Morning Prayer |
| Friday, May 8 | • 9 AM Morning Prayer |
| Saturday, May 9 | • 9:30 AM Karen Pursley Committal (Private Service in the Columbarium<br>• 10 AM<br>○ Pursley Family Gathering in Shepherd's Hall (Private)<br>○ Prison Families Support Group in the Ennis Suite |

## Music Celebration Series

Please join us as we celebrate The Church of the Good Shepherd's Music Ministry! As we approach the end of the program year, this is a great time to say thank you to everyone in Music Ministry and acknowledge their hard work this year.

- **Today, May 3** - Handbell Choir plays opening and closing voluntaries at the 10:15 service.
- **Next Sunday, May 10 -** Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Choir sing at the 10:15 service; choristers recognized; the plate offering (i.e., undesignated or "loose" offering) will go to the Music Fund.

***Don't Forget!***

## Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open!

VBS 2026 for children pre-K through 5th grade will take place June 15-18, 9 AM-12 Noon. To register your child(ren) please visit the parish website or the parish newsletter. **The Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 26th!**

## 2026 Summer Mission Trip -- Registration Is Open

**July 19-25, 2026**

This year's Summer Mission Trip will take place the week of **July 19-25, 2026**. While this trip is being organized by the Episcopal Youth Community, both adults and teenagers (over the age of eleven) are invited to join the CGS work crew. Our Good Shepherd work team will travel together to our host site on Sunday, July 19, work Monday through Friday, and return to Raleigh on Saturday, July 25.

To read more about it and to register for the mission trip, please visit the parish newsletter or the parish website. **Contact: Rev. Justin (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org)**

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