

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 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 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!*



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## 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:** All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400

**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

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

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on  
earth. Lord God, heavenly  
King, almighty God and  
Father, we worship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you  
for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of  
the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take away the sin of  
the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father; receive our  
prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel

*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.*

## First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

## Psalm 98, *Cantate Domino*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of  
the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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## Second Lesson

**1 John 5:1-6**

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymnal 593

## The Gospel

**John 15:9-17**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens

## 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* 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* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*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* 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

### 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.

### Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd

Use the QR code to the right to give or pledge online to CGS.

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



### The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem:** For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

**Presentation Hymn:** Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly 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 our 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.

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

*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**

*During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available in the Bride's Room (at the back of the church, beside the narthex) to pray with anyone desiring healing 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 Music:** "Wohl euch, ihr auserwählten Seelen," from Cantata 34

J.S. Bach

**Audrey Walstrom, alto**

*Translation: It is well for you, you chosen souls, whom God has designated for his dwelling.*

*Who could choose a greater bliss? Who can count the throng of blessings?*

*And this has come from the Lord.*

**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.**

**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. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** Earth and all stars

Hymnal 412

**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**

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

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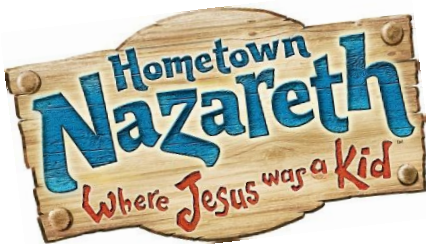
### **Serving Today**

Ushers Maggie and Paul Fyfe  
Verger Ashton Blankenship  
Acolytes Jack Boyne, Camm Fyfe, Anders Fyfe, Juliet Gilbert, and Libby Boyne  
Lectors Rich Leonard and Ian Finley  
Intercessor & Chalcist Ian Finley  
Livestream & Sound Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

### **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER LIST**

Roy Wright; Carolyn Owens; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Ginny Byrd; Mitchell Lawrence; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Catherine and Bob Williams; Paul Hoch; Carolyn Watson; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Shirley Caudill; Larry Bledsoe; Carter Halloran; Stephanie Rivers; The students, faculty, and community of St. Augustine's University; Felix Waturu; Donal Cannon; Elizabeth Alexander and her family; Watson Pugh; Jane Mayhew; Joyce; Michael Blake; The Rev. John Wall; Thom Schmalzbauer; Lynne Kelley Bucklin; The Fuller and Longbeam Families; Ponda Hatton; James Hardy; Kelley Calvillo; Josie and Natalie Van Dyke; Michael Asea; Tanya Turner and The Varner Family; The Queen Family; the people of Israel and Palestine; and the people of Ukraine and Russia.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Melinda Varner and Brian Queen.



### **Vacation Bible School**

June 24-27 || 9 AM – 12 Noon

At Vacation Bible School this year, we'll take kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's Son. A typical day will include storytelling, games, crafts, music and a snack. VBS curriculum is offered for children in pre-K through 5th grade. Children must be at least 3 years old & potty trained to participate in the Pre-K group. A nursery group is available for the younger siblings of kids enrolled in our VBS Program and also for children of our VBS Volunteers. We hope you can join us! Spread the word!

Feel free to invite grandchildren, nieces and nephews, godchildren, neighbors, and any other special children in your life. To register a child, scan the QR code to the right or please visit the parish website or register through the parish newsletter. Contact the Parish Office with questions.





### **Vision Accomplished Campaign**

Please support the effort to retire the debt on the Parish Life Center! Thanks to all who have already submitted generous pledges and gifts. For those discerning your pledge, please scan the QR code to the right or visit the parish website. And remember:



- Pledge between now and May 31, 2024
- Pay in installments or in one lump sum between now and December 2025

You may pledge online or you may submit a physical pledge card. Pledge cards are available in the Parish Life Center foyer and in the church (east transept and narthex). Thank you!

### **Don't Miss the Summer Retreat at the Beach**

**Friday, July 12- Sunday, July 14**

Trinity Center in Salter Path, NC

Join us for a weekend of rest and refreshment at the Trinity Center this summer. Our Summer Retreat for all ages and stages of life promises a time of connection with God, with nature, and with one another as we step out of our city context and head to the beach. We look forward to making this part of our yearly rhythm as a parish and look forward to seeing many of you there this July!

For details including rates, please see the Parish News or the parish website. Contact: David Baggett (email: [david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org](mailto:david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org) | | phone: 919.831.2018).

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If you would like information about

- transferring your membership from another parish
- joining the church
- being married
- being baptized

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David Howard  
Gregg Knepley

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Leslie Gilbert  
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