

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 at 10:15 AM



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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 below 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 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: Be thou my vision/My shepherd will supply my need

arr. Brant Adams

Kathryn DeShong, euphonium

Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord! The Almighty

Hymnal 390

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Hymn of Praise: Canticle 20, Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & 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. The children then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

- ¹ Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
² Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- ³ The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- ⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Psalm 114, *In exitu Israel*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

¹ "Great is thy faithfulness," text Thomas O. Chisholm; music William M. Runyan, © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company. OneLicense.net # A-741187.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Allison

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

This week's Prayer List can be found on page 11.

Intercessor Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature. God of life:

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all. God of justice:

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal. We pray for the ministries of our parish and Imogen, Joyce, Nancy, and Andrew our clergy. We pray for our diocese, for Michael, Sam, and Jennifer our bishops, and for Calvary Church, Wadesboro and St. John's, Wake Forest. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. And we pray for your Church throughout the world. God of grace:

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care: especially those we name now either silently or aloud. God of compassion:

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn. God of peace:

People **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with:

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

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Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

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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 James Christopher Deal in loving memory of James Carroll Deal and in thanksgiving for Judia Deal, Joseph Horton, Eric Horton and Chase Horton.

Last Week's Altar Flowers

The flower dedication in last week's service bulletin was incomplete and should have included that the flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God by *Pattie and Rebecca Lamb in loving memory of Bob Lamb and George S. White.*

Give to CGS Online

*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: O Christ, surround me

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me. O Christ, surround me.
Bind to myself the name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness. O Christ, surround me.
Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind.
Depth of the sea to soil of planet. O Christ, surround me.
Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,
From beneath, above, and all ways, O Christ, surround me.
Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.*

Presentation Hymn: Doxology

Musical notation for the Doxology hymn, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship 1

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 ...And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

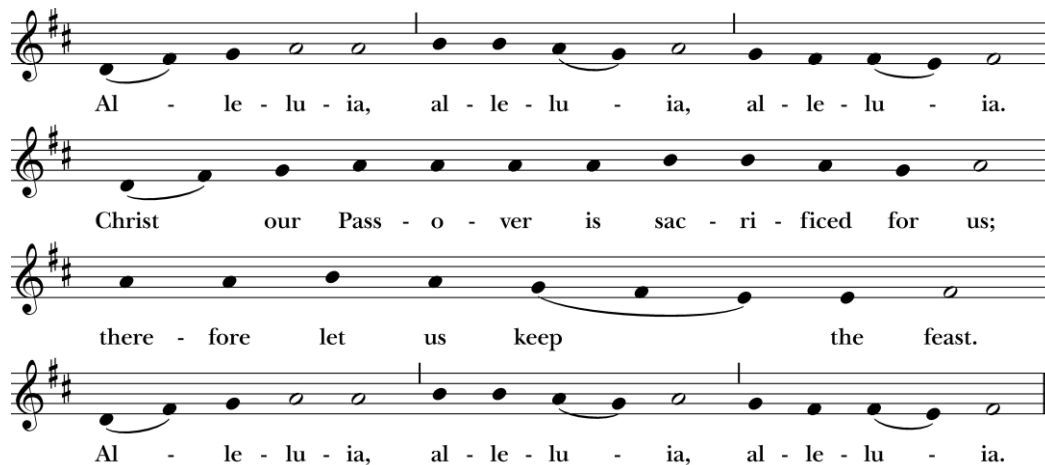
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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S 154



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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 Music: With his first breath

Paul Lovatt-Cooper

Kathryn DeShong, euphonium

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Hymnal 411

The Dismissal

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Voluntary: Toccata in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

Serving Today

Ushers	Peg Dorer and Sheldon Smith
Verger	Caryl Fuller
Acolytes	Hunter Myers, Jack Boyne, and Libby Boyne
Lectors	Gregg and Jean Knepley
Intercessor & Chalcist	Julie Lowe
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Fellowship Time Host	Diane Pergerson

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Roy Wright, Carolyn Owens, Janet Gilliam, Ralph Sanders, Pete Taylor, Martha Bailey, Peggy Hawks, Ginny Byrd, Mitchell Lawrence, Jim Spodatto, Douglas Warden, Marion Harmon, Lori Spencer, William Short, William Caldwell, Darrell Dennis, Kathryn Almeida, Joseph Henry, JoAnn Kistler, Lynda Terrell-Rea, Janie Ward-Newton, Danny Abernathy, Julia Hall, Gigi Giersch, Charlotte Netherby, Brother Joseph Mussa OSF, Donna Robbins, Mary Grace Mzyk, Robert Bruce, Catherine and Bob Williams, Fran and Paul Hoch, Justin and Logan, Mary and Peter Jezierny, Elizabeth Alexander and Family, The Wendy Broome Family, The Howard Family, The Hostetter Family, The Family of Cheryl Knepley Malone, and those affected by the earthquake in Morocco.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Would you like to be added to the parish email list for news and updates? Would you like information on

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

Please contact David Baggett, our parish administrator, at david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org || 919.831.2018.

EYC MEETS THIS EVENING, 5:30-7

EYC will celebrate tonight: ***Kickoff Party and Potluck*** in Shepherd's Hall. See you there!

SONG LOVERS MEETS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30

Song Lovers, a walk through the hymns in The Hymnal 1982 with information on authors, composers, poetry, and tunes, meets on Tuesday evenings in the choir room. Everyone is welcome!

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST OFFERED AT NOON ON WEDNESDAYS

Please join us on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in the church.

OUT & ABOUT SUPPER GROUP TO MEET ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Out & About is a longstanding CGS supper group affirming our LGBTQ+ families, friends and straight allies. ALL ARE WELCOME! We gather at the home of a host member for a potluck supper and fellowship. Bring a dish and enjoy great food and conversation and make new friends. This month we are doing a themed dinner: everything tacos! If you would like to sign up for a specific item, you can just mention it to one of the hosts. David Roten & Michael Springston (919-413-4663) will welcome us next with co-host Julie Lowe on Sunday September 24, at 6:00 PM. For detailed information, please contact Paul Henry at paulhenry954@yahoo.com or text 954-448-8931.

SEPTEMBER IS THE SEASON OF CREATION

During the month of September, often referred to as the Season of Creation, billions of Christians around the world celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God has entrusted to our care. Our worship over the coming weeks will contain prayers and hymns dedicated to honoring the sacredness of God's Creation. Also, at 9 AM next Sunday, the 24th, Mother Joyce will offer the final session in an Adult Formation series, *The Biblical Roots of Creation Care*.

BUDGET UPDATE

January 1- July 31

Actual Income	\$492,682.62
Budgeted Income	\$448,598.00
Actual Expenses	\$445,549.71
Net	\$ 47,132.91

July

Pledge Income	\$48,931.60
Budgeted Pledge	\$54,584.00
Net	(\$5,652.32)

*Thank you for your faithful
financial support of our church
and our ministries.*