

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn: Singing songs of expectation

Hymnal 527

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; 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 16:2-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- ³ Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- ³⁷ He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not
one that stumbled.
- ³⁸ Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- ³⁹ He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45, *Confitemini Domino*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- ⁴² For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- ⁴³ So he led forth his people with gladness, * **A**
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- ⁴⁴ He gave his people the lands of the nations, * **B**
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- ⁴⁵ That they might keep his statutes * **B**
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: In the garden

Lift Every Voice and Sing 69

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Words: C. Austin Miles (1868-1946). Music: C. Austin Miles.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

This week's Prayer List can be found on page 12.

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 Christ Church, Walnut Cove and Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for The Church of Ireland. 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

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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 Lynda Terrell-Rea in thanksgiving for Ashley (Terrell-Rea) and Grady and in loving memory of A.T. and Lue Terrell and by the Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen in thanksgiving for the birthdays of her husband Dennis Allen and her sisters Angela Hairston and Velma Person.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: God be in my head

Ian Higginson

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

Presentation Hymn: Doxology

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three trills marked with a '3' and a dashed line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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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

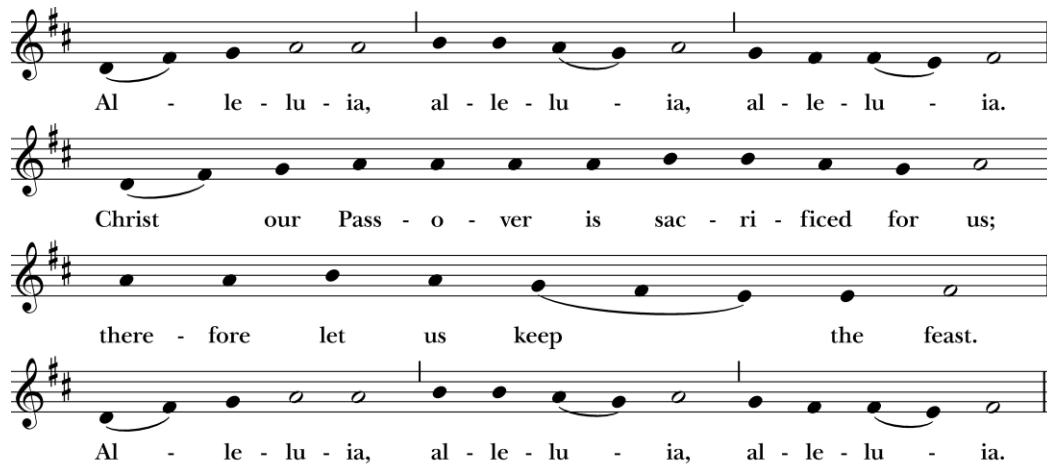
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The Breaking of the Bread

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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.*



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Communion Hymn: O Food to pilgrims given

Hymnal 309

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: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

The Dismissal

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Voluntary: Built on the Rock

Robert A. Hobby

Serving Today

Ushers	John Boyne and Jack Boyne
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Noah Swindell, Quincy Swindell, and Ryan Fee
Lectors	Giles Rhodenhiser and Grace Sved
Intercessor & Chalcist	Alex Duarte
Livestream & Sound	Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Judi Mathis
Fellowship Time Host	Lynn Wiss, in honor of all the Pastoral Care Members who so lovingly support our church family

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, Donna Robbins, Mary Grace Mzyk, Robert Bruce, Mollie, 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, and The Family of Cheryl Knepley Malone.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially, Neal Goodwin.

We give thanks for the birth of Charles ("Charlie") Howard Sharp, son of Chas and Savannah Sharp and grandson of Ed Sharp.