

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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 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!*



## Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols with 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

**Introit:** Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Richard Shephard

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance,  
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance;  
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, this have I done for my true love.  
Then was I born of a virgin pure; of her I took fleshly substance.  
Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to the dance.  
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, this have I done for my true love.  
In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor; this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance.  
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, this have I done for my true love.  
Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above to call my true love to my dance.  
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, this have I done for my true love.*

**Processional Hymn:** Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

### Welcome and Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. Let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen**

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

*Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to listen for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. The children then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.*

**Hymn:** He came down

He came down that we may have \*love; he came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah, forevermore.

*\*substitute peace, joy, hope*

## The First Lesson

## Genesis 3:1-15

### *The First Sin and Its Punishment*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

**Choir:** Adam lay y bounden

Martha Jones Burford

*Adam lay y bounden bounden in a bond. Foure thousand winter thought he not too long.*

*And all was for an apple an apple that he took. As clerkes finden written in their book.*

*Nay had the apple taken been, the apple taken been.*

*Nay had never our lady been heaven a queen.*

*Blessed be the time that the apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen Deo Gracias.*

**Hymn:** Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal 60

## The Second Lesson

## Isaiah 40:1-11

### *God's People Are Comforted*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of

the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Anthem:** Prepare the royal highway

arr. John A. Behnke

**Handbell Choir**

**The Third Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*A New Covenant*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Anthem:** Spotless rose

Ola Gjeilo

*Alleluia. A Spotless Rose is growing, sprung from a tender root,  
of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;  
its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight.  
Alleluia. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;  
through God's great love and might the Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.  
Alleluia.*

**Hymn:** Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hymnal 81

**The Fourth Lesson**

**Luke 1:26-38**

*The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the

Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

**Anthem:** The angel Gabriel

Richard Shephard

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!  
“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!  
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,  
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.” Most highly favored lady, Gloria!  
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say “Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!*

**Hymn:** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Hymnal 438

**The Fifth Lesson**

**Mark 1:18-23**

*The Birth of Jesus the Messiah*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

**Anthem:** In the bleak midwinter

arr. Mark Schweizer

**Handbell Choir**

**The Sixth Lesson**

**Mark 1:1-15**

*The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was

clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

*The Baptism of Jesus*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*The Temptation of Jesus*

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

*The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

**Anthem:** The glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the light of all. He came to his own, and his own received him not.*

**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 Bob and Janet Gilliam in loving memory of Emma Howard and with love to her family.*

**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: Mid-winter

Bob Chilcott

*In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.*

*Our God, heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain: Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he  
comes to reign:*

*In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place, a place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But only his mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.*

### Presentation Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, verse 2

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of  
knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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

### Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh 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,

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

*Celebrant* ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

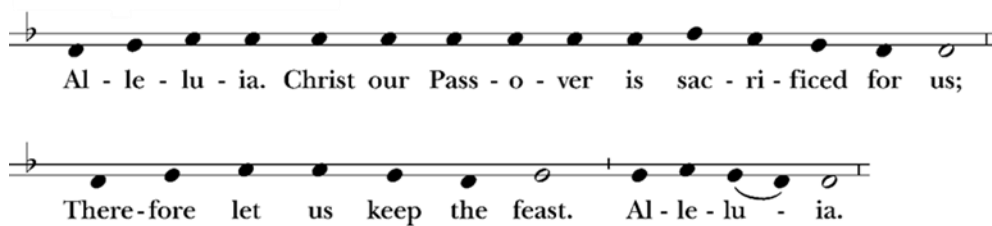
BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, p. 364

**The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

Hymnal S 152



**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 Hymns:**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal 67

Once he came in blessing

Hymnal 53

**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

*Enriching Our Worship I*, p. 69

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the shadows from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymnal 72

**The Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

## Voluntary

**Please join us immediately following this service for**

- **Fellowship Time (Parish Life Center Foyer)**
- **Reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (Ennis Suite)**

## Serving Today

Ushers Duke Fentress and David Howard

Verger Caryl Fuller and Ed Gavin

Acolytes Ashlyn Gilbert, Callin Fee, and Juliet Gilbert

Lectors Gregg Knepley, Jean Knepley, Jennifer Tlusty, Allison Katsantonis,  
and Caryn Meade

Chalicer Rob Robinson

Livestream & Sound Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

Flower Guild Margaret Nordt

## **This Week's Prayer List**

Roy Wright, Carolyn Owens, Janet Gilliam, Ralph Sanders, Pete Taylor, Martha Bailey, Peggy Hawks, Ginny Byrd, Mitchell Lawrence, Hugh Stohler, Darrell Dennis, Janie Ward-Newton, William Short, Julia Hall, Gigi Giersch, Catherine and Bob Williams, Fran and Paul Hoch, Brinley Harris, Don Caudill, Larry Bledsoe, Mike, Elizabeth Alexander and Family, Logan McGhee, Mike Deloatch, Mindy McIntyre, Ann Antoun, Stephanie Rivers, Carolyn Watson, Nolan Simon, Emily Bordeaux and her family, Bob Kirchgessner, Diane Pergerson, The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, The Howard Family, The Davis Family, The Usanis-Doster Family, The Buckley Family, The Flowers Family, The Carter Family, the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine, The Episcopal Church, and The Church of Pakistan.

And we remember those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially, William Carter and Carol Womble Flowers.

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **PLEASE JOIN US!**

- Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist at 10:15 AM with Choir and Handbells
  - Annual Reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with mulled wine and nibbles following the 10:15 AM worship service
- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
- All-Ages Christmas Pageant with Eucharist at 10:15 AM
  - Parish Christmas Party immediately following the 10:15 AM worship service
  - Service of Hope and Healing at Christmas at 3:00 PM
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve Services of Holy Eucharist  
*The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser, Preacher*
- 2:00 PM Interactive Children and Family Service
  - 5:00 PM Traditional Eucharist with Choir and Handbells
  - 11:00 PM Midnight Eucharist with Violin and Cello
- Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day Eucharist at 9 AM  
*The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser, Celebrant and Preacher*
- Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist at 10:15

### ***Don't Forget!***

#### **ANGEL TREE GIFTS ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY**

Please remember to wrap gift cards separately or put them all unwrapped in a gift bag and then label each box or bag with the child's name and star number. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Tlusty (919.414.2950). Thank you participating in this CGS tradition!

***Next Sunday at 9 AM***

**LIVING A LIFE OF THE SPIRIT**

Join the final session of this Adult Formation offering focusing on the three aspects of the spiritual life: love of self and others, the necessity of community, and how grief and loss form our spirituality. Within these, we will practice various forms of prayer such as meditation, intercession, and Lectio Divina. Leading the class is Carolyn Edge who has served as a Spiritual Director in this diocese for over 30 years.

***Next Sunday at 10:15 AM***

**ALL-AGES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The Pageant will take place during the 10:15 worship service next Sunday, and it is open to all ages, from our very oldest to our very youngest. With scripts in hand, we'll tell the story of the first Christmas. Participating in the pageant is a simple and joyous experience that involves the whole Good Shepherd Family. There's a signup form on the bulletin board outside the nursery for anyone of any age who wants to participate. For more details, please contact Ian Finley (919.931.2196).

***Next Sunday at 11:30 AM***

**COME CELEBRATE AT OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We'll celebrate immediately after next Sunday's 10:15 worship service. Please join us! If you would like to bring a treat to share, please sign up using the latest issue of the parish newsletter.

***Next Sunday at 3 PM***

**HOPE AND HEALING AT CHRISTMAS**

The holiness of Advent, and indeed all our life, is not limited to times of joy and gladness. Holiness, sometimes in its most profound form, resides also in sorrow, heartache, and loss. If you, or anyone you love, find yourself experiencing any grief or difficulty this Advent, this service is for you. We shall offer spoken and sung prayers, aided by an oboist and vocal soloist, all interspersed with silence and candlelight. The service will be about 40 minutes in length with no Eucharist and time to stay and pray in the sanctuary or to speak with the Rector.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES DUE TOMORROW**

If you are baking cookies for our Annual Cookie Trays for those who need some extra Christmas cheer this year, please deliver them to the Parish Life Center reception desk by **9:30 AM tomorrow**. If you would like to help deliver cookies, please contact Lynn Wiss (908.783.3855).

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