

January 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #362) *“Holy, Holy,
Holy”*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung together, all standing as you are able)*

**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 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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

Kaydiann Sangster

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62:6-14 *(read responsively by verse)*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell

Please stand as you are able.

Cantor (Lou) only:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus Risen Lord of Life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus Risen Lord of Life

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant ✕ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *Mark*.

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

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.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called

them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We

look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Denise King

The Celebrant says:

“Repent and believe in the Good News.” This is the first teaching of Christ. Nourished by His word broken for us, we turn to God for what we need in the church and in the community praying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the Church of God will fearlessly call people to repentance and belief in the Good News.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That like citizens of Nineveh, people will believe in God and renounce their evil behavior.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That men and women will follow Christ and, as missionaries, become true “Fishers of men”.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That in this passing world we will hold on to the eternal truths of the Good News of Christ and His Church.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ the true light of the world might grant the special intentions of this church, as we pray for:

- Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor.
- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially Kobbie Sherman*.
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters.
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Brandon Watson*.
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

- Silence -

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who have died may enter the Kingdom of God, *especially John Hartong*.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our

common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

In your Son, O God, you have given us your Word in all its fullness. Awaken our hearts to grasp the urgent need of conversion, and stir up within us, souls longing to embrace your gospel. May our lives proclaim to those who are far off and to those who are near that the one Savior of us all is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**







Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing (*please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested*).

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

-  **Weekly Fellowship Hour:** Please join us downstairs after service. Please remember to bring a dish next week for our Potluck Brunch.
-  **Memorial Brick Paver Forms:** revised to account for 16-character limit vs. 25 characters we were initially told. Please ensure you use the revised form for any future order.
-  **ECW** meets today after Brunch.
-  **The Annual Church Meeting and Elections** will take place in the upper level of the Church Hall on **Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 11 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.
-  **New and Expanded Ministries:** Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Hospitality Guild, and Tech Guild. Signup sheets are in the back for those interested in serving the church through these important and exciting ministries.
-  **Giving to Good Shepherd:** in addition to our online giving platform via Realm, which can be accessed via our website, you now have the option of **Text Giving**. Simply **text GSBERLIN to 73256**, followed by the contribution amount, and follow the simple steps to give to the Church conveniently and securely.
-  **Fundraiser:**
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #408)

*“Sing Praise to
God Who Reigns
Above”*

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the Bread of
Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to
offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my Sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God the Father
Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand as you are able.

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 proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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 and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.” ✠

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ
and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,
being ✕ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to
that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary;
blessed Joseph her spouse; with the apostles, martyrs; all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our
salvation.

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
forever.



The Lord's Prayer

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to
sing:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And**

lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Breaking of The Bread

[Fraction Anthem]

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *(sung together)*

Celebrant:

✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [***Amen.***]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [***Amen.***]

Communion Hymn (1982 Hymnal #396) *“Now Thank We
All Our God”*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

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 blesses the congregation:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. May our blessed Lady, blessed Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
 Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #618) “*Ye Watchers and
Ye Holy Ones*”

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Reed Mikkelson
Andrew Miller	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Charles Devoll	Ted Chavis
Dalton Anders	
Dave Niglio	
Felix Perez	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Shay Mikula (January)
Jamie Berry	Theresa Rugletic (June)
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Lisa Gallagher
Barbara Hill	Lori Gantz
Barbara MacLeod	Mackenzie Wister
Barbara Peters Villari	Mary Corson
Betsy Richards	Mary McGrath
Carlos Guemes	Meredith Del Rosi
Celiann Santiago	Mr. & Mrs. Moe
Dave McMichael	Mrs. Simon
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