



September 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

## The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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*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** (CWTL #64)

“Jesus Is Our King”

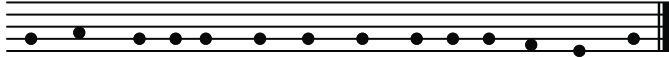
*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*



*Celebrant:* ☒ Bles - sed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spirit.



*Community:* And bles - sed be his Kingdom, now and for e - ver. A - men.

**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.***

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:*

Let us 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.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** (JMT) *(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 for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**The First Lesson** (Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29)

Gail Cecchini

*A Reading from the Book of Numbers.*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 19:7-14** (*read responsively by verse*)

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom  
to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the  
heart; \* the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous  
altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**The Second Lesson** (James 5:15-30)

Andrew Listman

*A Reading from the Letter of James.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering

will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be

thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*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**

Louis Durham

*The Celebrant says:*

*Whoever is not against us is for us.” Our blessed Lord teaches us that discipleship means a radical rejection of evil. Our prayers today are offered with a will to make sacrifices to follow the Lord praying, Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Lay person & people read responsively:*

For God’s Holy People struggling to reject all that is evil in their lives.

*Silence*

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

For nations where the children suffer because of their faith.

*Silence*

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

For people who have let possessions lead them away from God.

*Silence*

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

For friends who work with us, but who do not share our faith in Christ.

*Silence*

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

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially:

- Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; 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 Robert Huster.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the Japan flood and Hurricanes Helene and John.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts, *especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.*
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Brenda Good and Lilly Sherwood*; and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially George & Joan Gainer and Buddy & Patti McCafferty.*
- 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.**

For our blessed dead, *especially [N].*

*Silence*

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

*Let us 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:*

*O God, you have never deprived your people the voices of the prophets. Pour forth your Spirit on this parish as you did in the days of Moses and of Christ's first disciples so that we may proclaim the mighty wonders of your reconciling love and mercy. We bring these our petitions before you through Christ our Lord. 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**

-  **Stewardship Month/Campaign** begins next Sunday.
-  **Polo Shirt Size sheet.** Please check– if our size is correct as reflected from our last order, you don't need to do anything. If there's a change, strike through the size that's listed there and enter your correct size in the corresponding column. If your name is there but your size is blank, please enter your

size. If your name is not listed, print your name clearly on a blank row and enter your size.

✚ **The Adult Formation Course**, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, commences on Wednesday, October 2 and on every Wednesday through November 20, with two daily sessions – 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Both sessions are the same, so you need not attend both. There is a registration sheet in the back, and Information on the course has been made available via a handout/bulletin insert. Please see Fr. Russell or Cynthia with any questions.

✚ **Lay Readers and Presenters of the Elements Sign-up sheets for October and November** are in the back.

✚ **Fundraisers:**

- **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2024**, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 per person**. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, purchase, or get tickets to sell, please see Darlene or Lillian.
- **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. 1st Prize - \$1,000 worth of store gift cards; 2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card. Proceeds to benefit the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets.
- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST**

**Offertory Hymn** (CWTL #44)

*“Holy God, We Praise  
Thy Name”*

*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. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

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** (JMT #3)

*(sung together, all remain standing as you are able)*

**Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Power  
God of power and might.  
The heavens and the earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest  
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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of

God; 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.***

### **Breaking of The Bread**

*[Fraction Anthem]*

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

*Celebrant:*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.



*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** (LEVAS #178)

*“Sweet Hour of  
Prayer”*

### **Postcommunion 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**

*Please stand as you are able.*



# The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC  
*Celebrant and Homilist*

Andrew Listman  
Gail Cecchini  
*Eucharistic Ministers*

Louis Durham  
*Music Minister*

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*Lay Readers*

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

## **Current Military Service:**

Aiden Borden	John Kirkbride
Andrew Miller	Jonathan DeMaria
Carter Smyth	Joseph Hodges
Charles Devoll	Keith Taylor
Dalton Anders	Mason Smiley
David Daniels	Reed Mikkelson
Dave Niglio	Ted Chavis
Dominique Trappey	
Felix Perez	
Francois Trappey	
Jacob Listman	
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

## **Expectant Mothers and their Babies**

Elizabeth Schaffer (January)

## **Comfort & Healing**

Albert Spinelli	John Rankin	Richard Mealey
Barbara Hill	Joseph Wright	Ricky Beam
Barbara MacLeod	Joyce Foster	Robert Bratty
Barbara Peters Villari	Linda Mulero	Robert Kebler
Betsy Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Tom Knott
Carlos Guemes	Lori Gantz	Sheila Williams
Celiann Santiago	Mackenzie Wister	Steven Ireland
Dale Maloney	Mary Corson	
Dave McMichael	Mary McGrath	
Dona Smith	Meredith Del Rosi	
Donna Vandy	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Doris Elaine Philips	Mrs. Simon	
Edna Krug	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Gary Spinelli	Pat Knott	
Hailey Mikula	Paul Paine	
Jack Rogers	Paul Williams	
Jason	Pauleen Williams	
John Collier	Regina Listman	