



July 20, 2025, 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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Please enter and sit in the Sanctuary quietly in reverence to our Lord and others meditating. Kindly turn off or silence cell phones for the duration of the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Time for quiet meditation

Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #495) *“Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation



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:

Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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 (1982 Hymnal # S-280)

“Glory to God”

(sung together, all standing as you are able)

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *(read responsively by verse)*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson (Colossians 1:15-28) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to

make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

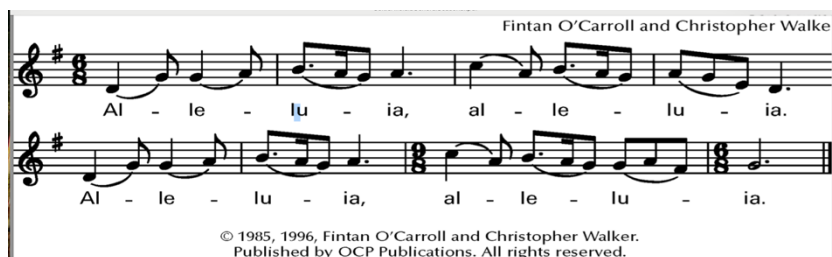
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand as you are able.



Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Celebrant The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted

by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Andrew Listman

The Celebrant says:

As Martha and Mary discovered, the kindness and love of God is revealed in Jesus in our midst. Let us pray to our heavenly Father who is here among us in this Eucharist, the God who listens to our prayers saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the sacred liturgy may enrich the personal prayers of those assembled here at this Eucharist.

Silence

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

That the leaders of our nation will give glory to God by using their talents to serve both him and us, as we intercede for: *Donald*, our President; *Phil*, our Governor; and *Rick*, our Mayor.

Silence

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

That the dying will look to Christ in their sufferings.

Silence

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

That like Mary of Bethany, we will listen to Christ in times of silent reflection.

Silence

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

That the special intentions of those of us gathered here at this Eucharist might be met, as we pray for:

- *Stephen*, the Archbishop of York/Interim Head of the worldwide Anglican Communion; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Sally*, our Bishop; *Leo XIV*, the Bishop of Rome; and *Bartholomew* the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All expectant mothers and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially Dcn. Bruce Cecchini*.
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the storms affecting the United States*.
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Elmira Adams*; and those celebrating anniversaries, *especially George & Melissa Gainer*.
- 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 the dead may live forever in the presence of the Lord, especially *Mary Smith*, and the victims of the Kentucky church shooting and the Massachusetts senior home care fire.

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:

Ever-loving Father, receive our prayers and supplications, as we rejoice in the mystery of Christ among us in the Eucharist, who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

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

- **Backpack Distribution and Social**, next **Saturday, August 2, 2025, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- **Trex Recycling Film Challenge:** Please continue to bring in your household plastics for special recycling to benefit Good Shepherd. White bins are provided for you to place your plastics in.
- **Sign-Up Sheets and Forms** in the back:
 - **Lay Readers**
 - **Memorial Pavers**
 - **Prayer Request**
 - **Sunday School**
 - **Faith & Service Award, August 3, 2025, deadline**
- **Fundraisers:**
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

- **Basket Auction and Luncheon, Sunday, October 26, 2025.** at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 per person**. If you would like to donate **brand new** items for the baskets, purchase or get tickets to sell, **or if you are available to help wrap the baskets**, please see Darlene or Lillian.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (Alleluia II #135)

“Amazing Grace”

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.*

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

HOLY

Intro: With movement (♩ = 132–138)

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Soprano *ff*
Alto *ff*
Tenor
Bass *ff*
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

unison *mf* *f*
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

S *ff*
A *ff*
T *ff*
B *ff*
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

rit. *fff* *molto rit.* *div.*
Ho - san - na in the high div. est.
rit. *fff* *molto rit.* *div.*

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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 apostles, martyrs, and 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

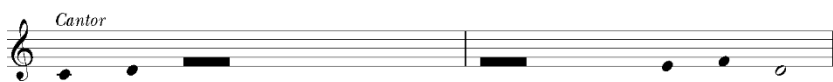
Fraction Anthem (1982 Hymnal S-172)

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

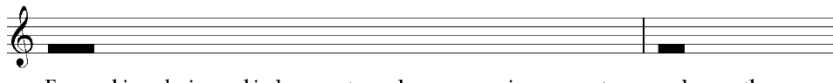


Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

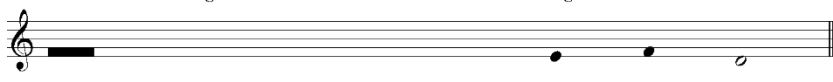
Cantor



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.



For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

Agnus Dei

LAMB OF GOD

Celtic Mass
Christopher Walker

Choir/Cantor All



Lamb of God, }
*Bread of Life, } you take a - way the sins of the
**Lamb of God, }



1, 2... 3
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

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 II #37)

*“Were You There
When They
Crucified My
Lord?”*

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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

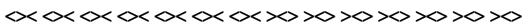
The Dismissal *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (Alleluia II #53)

“Our God Reigns”

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for brunch immediately following the service.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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

Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
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Louis Durham
Music Minister

Margaret McCafferty
Cynthia Griffin
Lay Readers

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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).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Jonathan DeMaria
Andrew Miller	Joseph Hodges
Carter Smyth	Keith Taylor
Charles Devoll	Mason Smiley
Dalton Anders	Roman Mealey
David Daniels	Ted Chavis
Dave Niglio	
Dominique Trappey	
Felix Perez	
Francois Trappey	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Laura Lombardelli (Nov)
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Comfort & Healing

Barbara Alber	Jerry Hathaway	Robert Macioce
Barbara MacLeod	Jim Jackson	Ryan Kass
Barbara Peters Villari	John Collier	Tom Knott
Bernice Finkbeiner	John Rankin	Sheila Williams
Betsy Richards	Joyce Foster	Wanda Sarno
Bob Nottle	Judi Hathaway	
Carlos Guemes	Lee Mencl	
Corin King	Linda Mulero	
Dave McMichael	Mary Corson	
Dona Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
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Jack Rogers	Ricky Beam	
Jason	Robert Huster	
Jean Hackett	Robert Kebler	