



September 8, 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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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.

Te Deum Laudamus (CWTL #89)

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

You are God, we praise you.

You are the Lord, we acclaim you.

You are the eternal Father.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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.

The First Lesson (Isaiah 35:4-7)

April Mae Rugletic

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! * I will praise
the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my
God while I have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of
earth, * for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson (James 2:1-17)

Andrew Listman

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you?

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

The Homily

Fr. Tinh Huynh

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

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

Jesus Christ has done all things well! How confident and joyful are our prayers for others, when we hear these consoling

words, in praise of the One who “makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.” Let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That the Church may be truly “Catholic” without distinctions between races and classes of people.

Silence

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

That people everywhere may be able to hear the Word of God and respond to it in freedom.

Silence

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

That people who care for those with disabilities may be encouraged by the love and mercy of Christ.

Silence

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

That people who are poor will always have a place in our church community.

Silence

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

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

- 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 Paul Paine, Leslie Hyatt, Timothy Walters, and Linda Mulero.*
- 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 Angel Donohue, Michaela Liquori, Catherine Pollanti, Isabella Guemes, Jane Chappell, and David Gainer;* and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Lester & Diana Good and Bob Nottle & Margaret 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.***

That the dead may be set free and raised up to enjoy eternal life with God, *especially the victims of the Georgia school shooting.*

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:







Lord of healing love, you have opened our hearts to the Gospel; you have opened our lips to proclaim it. Receive the prayers of your faithful servants, baptized in the saving grace of your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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

-  **Lay Readers and Presenters of the Elements Sign-up sheet for October** is in the back.
-  **The Mission Committee** meets **today at 11 a.m.** after our **Potluck Brunch.**
-  **Sunday School** resumes on Sunday, September 22.
-  **Founders' Day Brunch**, next Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 11 a.m. (after service), at Villa Deli in Sicklerville. Today is the last day to RSVP via the **Sign-up sheet** is in the back.
-  **Stewardship Month/Campaign** begins in October.
-  **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.

Offertory Hymn (LEVAS II #139)

*“Pass Me Not, O
Gentle Savior”*

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace.

At the last day bring us with all your Saints, into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



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:

✠ 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 (CWTL #84)

“In His Time”

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.

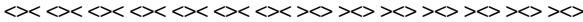
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 (CWTL #74) *“Lord I Lift Your
Name on High”*

After Worship Prayer *BCP #68, Page 835*
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.***



The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Tinh Huynh
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
April Mae Rugletic
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

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Andrew Listman
Kevin Sangster
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:

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| 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 | |

Expectant Mothers and their Babies:

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| Jacob Listman | Elizabeth Schaffer (January) |
| Jessica Smyth | |
| Jimmy Sheridan | |

Comfort & Healing:

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| Albert Spinelli | Jason | Regina Listman |
| Autumn Mrezcko | John Collier | Richard Mealey |
| Barbara Hill | John Rankin | Ricky Beam |
| Barbara MacLeod | Joseph Wright | Robert Bratty |
| Barbara Peters Villari | Joyce Foster | Sheila Williams |
| Betsy Richards | Lisa Gallagher | Steven Ireland |
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| Celiann Santiago | Mackenzie Wister | |
| 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 Williams | |
| Jack Rogers | Pauleen Williams | |