



**THE
EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

September 22, 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.

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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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

(Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22)

Louis Durham

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,

and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

Psalm 54 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might,
defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of
my mouth.**
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the
ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no
regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the Lord who
sustains my life.**
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; * in your
faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise
your Name, O LORD, for it is good.**
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my
eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Lesson

(James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a)

Andrew Listman

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (CWTL #75) “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

“Whoever receives me,” said Jesus “receives not me but him who sent me.” Christ our Lord foretold His saving death and resurrection. Through Him, the suffering servant, let us bring our petitions to the Father of all mercies saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Sally, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople; and all bishops who are the servants of the servants of God.

Silence

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

For peace and harmony between those nations set against one another.

Silence

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

For an end to jealousy and destructive competition among members of our families.

Silence

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

For Christians working for the welfare and protection of children in our community.

Silence

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

For all those on our church prayer list who seek our intercessions, especially:

- 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:*
Orlando Torres, Timothy Walters, and Linda Mulero.

- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially those of the flooding in Central Europe and North Carolina, and those of the gas tanker explosion in Haiti.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Richard Sherwood, Charles Schaffer, III, and Diane Good*; and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Jim & Brandi Sheridan and Anthony & Tammy Ruggiero.*
- 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 the repose of the faithful departed, *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:

Heavenly Father, by your will you have revealed in Christ that those who want to be first must then become least of all. Give

us the wisdom from above, that we may welcome the word of your Son and come to understand that in your sight the greatest of all is the one who becomes servant of all. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

-  **Congratulations** again to our Founders' Day Award Recipients: Regina Listman, Jane Makin, and Dcn. Bruce Cecchini.
-  **Stewardship Month/Campaign** begins in October. The letters are in the back. Please pick up yours before leaving today.
-  **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.
-  **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.

✚ **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 #53)

“Seek Ye First”

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 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



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, the martyrs, and 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:

☒ 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 #194) *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

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.*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (LEVAS II #130)

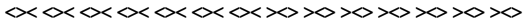
*“Glory, Glory
Hallelujah”*

After Worship Prayer

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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.***



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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	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	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Elizabeth Schaffer (January)
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Jason	Pauleen Williams
Autumn Mrezcko	John Collier	Regina Listman
Barbara Hill	John Rankin	Richard Mealey
Barbara MacLeod	Joseph Wright	Ricky Beam
Barbara Peters Villari	Joyce Foster	Robert Bratty
Betsy Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Robert Kebler
Carlos Guemes	Lori Gantz	Sheila Williams
Celiann Santiago	Mackenzie Wister	Steven Ireland
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Dave McMichael	Mary McGrath	
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Doris Elaine Philips	Mrs. Simon	
Edna Krug	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Gary Spinelli	Pat Knott	
Hailey Mikula	Paul Paine	
Jack Rogers	Paul Williams	