



## The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023  
at 9:00 a.m.

## The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

*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** (Blue #9)

*“Not Here For High And Holy Things”*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People*          **His mercy endures for ever. 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.**

**Kyrie S90** (sung together, all standing as you are able)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.*

**First Lesson** (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)

Kaydiann Sangster

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis.*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 32**

*(read responsively by verse)*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no  
guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guilt!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of  
summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not  
conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to  
the LORD.” \* Then you forgave me the guilt of  
my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to  
you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters  
overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from  
trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of  
deliverance.**
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit  
and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy  
embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**Second Lesson** (Romans 5:12-19) Margaret McCafferty

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celtic Mass*  
Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a  
stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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**

Andrew Listman

*The Celebrant says:*

*In the temptations of Jesus Christ, we see the persistent power of evil. Through the Cross, Christ has vanquished Satan and his powers, and so we offer our prayers, confidently asking for His strength as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Lay person & people read responsively:*

That all of God's people may be strong in resisting temptation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

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

That every person may hear the call to receive Christ's free gift of grace.

*Silence*

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

That those in need of work and financial help will receive them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

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

That we will know the mercy of God as we confess our sins,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

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

That we may offer up our prayers and intercessions for all those on our Prayer List:

- For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Sally, our Bishop-elect; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.
- For Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor.
- For all Missionaries throughout the world.
- For the persecuted Church throughout the world.
- For our troops throughout the world.
- For our absent brothers and sisters.
- For all pregnant women and their unborn children.
- For the victims of crime in our communities.
- For the victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the people of East Palestine, Ohio; and the people of Turkey and Syria.*
- For *Charity, Ricky Beam, Donna Vandy, John, Nancy Ravchuck, Finn McCafferty, and Kasheena Hegamin.*
- For our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Leslie Goncales, Robert Jordan, and Bob (Clarence) Nottle.*

- *Silence* -

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

That the dead may be cleansed from their sins, *especially [N].*

*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:*

Gracious Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people as we begin this our Lenten season, and help us to be faithful in our walk in Christ Jesus your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *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.**

## **Commissioning of the Mission Committee**

### **The Examination**

*The Celebrant says:*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

*The Celebrant asks the sponsor:*

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

*Sponsor:*                      **I believe they are.**

*The Celebrant then says:*

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

**Candidates: I will.**

*Celebrant:*

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

**Candidates: I will.**

### **The Commissioning**

*Sponsor:*

**I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Warden and Members of the Mission Committee in this congregation.**

*Antiphon (said by all):*

**The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.**

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding:

**R. That I may know your decrees.**

*Let us pray:*

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Mission Committee of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Commissioning of the Wardens**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you, **Kevin and Alfred**, as Wardens at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

## **Commissioning of the Members of the Mission Committee**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, *Andrew, Darlene, Denise, Lillian, Margaret, Patricia K., Patricia S., Regina, and Sheila*, as Members of the Mission Committee at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

## **Commissioning of Delegates to Diocesan Convention and to Camden Convocation**

*Sponsor:*

I present to you these persons, who were duly elected as Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Camden Convocation, to be commissioned to their ministry.

*Antiphon*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Let us pray:*

Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates to Diocesan Convention. In the passions of debate give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory and the good of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Commissioning of the Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

In the Name of God and of the Church of the Good Shepherd, I commission you *Darlene, Margaret, Patricia S., Alfred, Denise, and Kevin*, as Delegates to Diocesan Convention

## Commissioning of the Delegates to Camden Convocation

In the Name of God and of the Church of the Good Shepherd, I commission you *Alfred, Andrew, Darlene, Kevin, Patricia S., and Regina*, as Delegates to the Camden Convocation.

### Announcements

-  **Today is Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday**, which is the last day of our special collection for ERD as we remember and support those in need, particularly the Earthquake Relief efforts in Turkey and Syria.
-  **Potluck on Sunday, March 12** - the sign-up sheet is in the back.
-  **Quietness while Sunday School is in Session**
-  **Fundraisers:**
  - **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** (Blue #142)

*“Lord, Who  
Throughout These  
Forty Days”*

*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, brethren, 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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✕ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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."✠

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The 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; and 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. **AMEN.**

### **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]*

**Lamb of God**  
(Songs For Worship No. 1)

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of all the



world. Have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world.



Grant us, grant us Your peace.



Grant us, grant us Your peace. peace.

*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** (White #125)

*“In Remembrance  
of Me”*

**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 Lenten Blessing**

*Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Recessional Hymn** (White #109) “*God Is So Good*”

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.

## The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Russell A. Griffin, SSC  
*Celebrant and Homilist*

Andrew Listman  
Margaret McCafferty  
*Eucharistic Ministers*

Louis Durham  
*Music Minister*

Andrew Listman  
Kaydiann Sangster  
Margaret McCafferty  
*Lay Readers*

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

## Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Nicholas DeMaria
Andrew Miller	Nickolette McCafferty
Charles Devoll	Reed Mikkelson
Dalton Anders	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Dave Niglio	Ted Chavis
Felix Perez	
Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

## Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Lauren Raynore
Colleen Roback (July)
Elisabeth Busick (August)

## Comfort & Healing

Barbara MacLeod	Mary McGrath
Carlos Guemes	Meredith Del Rosi
Christina Camuccio	Meredith Flinn
Connie Buch	Mrs. Moe
Dave McMichael	Norman Rogers, Sr.
Debbie	Paul Williams
Edna Krug	Paulette Bahn
Floss Egizi	Regina Listman
Irene Livacz	Richard Mealey
Jasmin Mulero	Sheila Williams
Jim Krug	Theresa Ennis
Lee Anna Smoler	Victor Kayati
Linda Swinney	William Luebberman
Lisa Gallagher	Zella Dixon
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Marian Ive	
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