

July 27, 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 #47) *“On this Day, the First of Days”*

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalm 138 *(read responsively by verse)*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all
things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my
strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when
they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the
glory of the LORD.**
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he
perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
* you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD,
your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.

Second Lesson (Colossians 2:6-19)

Denise King

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and

authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

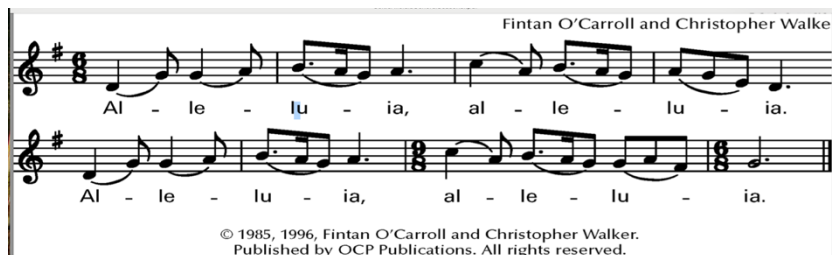
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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 11:1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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:

Christ makes a promise, “Ask, and it shall be given to you.” Let us come to our heavenly Father with the trust and confidence with the prayer our Lord has taught us we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That a deepening of prayer may spread throughout the Church on earth.

Silence

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

That planners of the economy and industry may turn to God our heavenly Father who gives us our daily bread.

Silence

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

That people caught in unlawful and sinful ways may seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

Silence

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

That we may persist in prayer, no matter how discouraged we may be by life's misfortunes.

Silence

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

That the Divine Mercy of Christ might grant our special intentions, 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.

- *Donald*, 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 expectant mothers and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *Dcn. Bruce Cecchini*.
- 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 Fr. Russell Griffin, Donald (Trey) Cuff, III; Jennifer Jogodnik, and Barbara Cahill Good*.
- 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 faithful departed may be forgiven and raised up with Christ, especially *Kerry Owen Deacon*.

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:

Almighty God, you are generous beyond our imagination, and in ways we do not and cannot understand. Hear the prayers of your people through Christ our Lord. 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

- **Cancelled:** Backpack Distribution and Social, this Saturday, August 2, 2025, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **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:**
 - **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.
 - **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.
- **Dine on Sundays at Volcano Steak & Sushi**, 61 N Route 73, West Berlin, and Good Shepherd gets 20% of the pre-tax meal cost. Just tell them you are from Good Shepherd. Cards will be available soon.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #294)

*“Baptized in
Water, Sealed by
the Spirit”*

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:

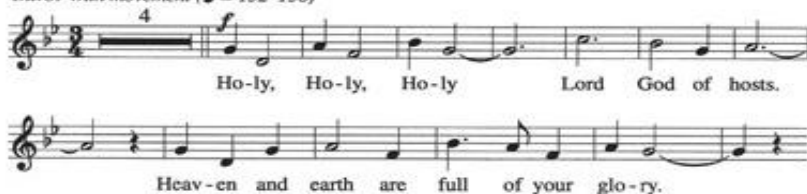
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the
first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

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



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



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



S *p*
A *ff*
Ho - san - na in the high div. est.

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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

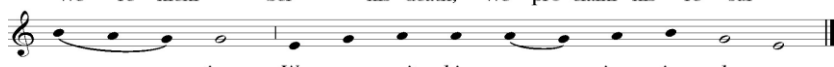


There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

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.



Breaking of The Bread

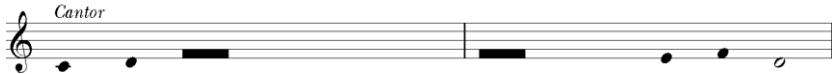
Fraction Anthem (1982 Hymnal S-172)

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




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

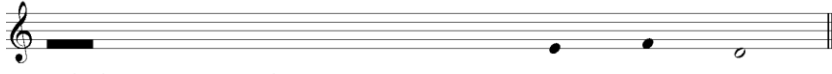
Cantor



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 (Alleluia II #121)

*“On Eagle’s
Wings”*

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.

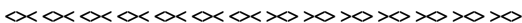
Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (CWTL #74)

*“Lord I Lift Your
Head on High”*

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

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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	
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Jason	Robert Huster	
Jean Hackett	Robert Kebler	