



September 1, 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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #436) “*Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates*”

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able



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:

Let us 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.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 (Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9)

Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **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.

The Second Lesson (James 1:17-27)

Louis Durham

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away,

immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Andrew Listman

The Celebrant says:

The gift of faith is in our actions. True religion is sincere, generous and merciful. May our intercessions that we make this day for others, strengthen the quality of our faith in action. With confidence we now turn to God for the needs of his Church and the world. Let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For a spirit of compassion and fidelity throughout the universal Church.

Silence

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

For strong and effective solutions to alcohol and drug abuse in our society.

Silence

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

For single parents and their children.

Silence

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

For the men and women of our community who serve those in need.

Silence

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

For all those who seek our prayers, especially:

- 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 and Leslie Hyatt.*
- 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 Molly Gainer, Leo Cecchini, Christopher Malone, and Briella Mangione*; and those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Kevin & Kaydiann Sangster, and Peter & Melissa Cecchini.*

- 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 those who sleep in Christ, *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:

Behold, O God, your people gathered for this Eucharist on this day of the Lord. Let the praise on our lips resound in the depths of our hearts, so that the word you have sown may take root within us to sanctify and renew our lives. We ask this 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

+ Lay Readers and Presenters of the Elements Sign-up sheets for September and October are in the back.

✚ **Founders' Day Brunch**, Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 11 a.m. (after service), at Villa Deli in Sicklerville. **Sign-up sheet** is in the back for those members who will be attending.

✚ **The Mission Committee meets next Sunday at 11 a.m.** after our **Potluck Brunch**.

✚ **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 #138)

*“Lord I Want to Be
a Christian”*

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



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 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



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

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 #70)

“As the Deer”

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 #68) “*Be Exalted, O God*”

After Worship Prayer *BCP*
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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.**

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Tinh Huynh
Celebrant and Homilist

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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	
Jacob Listman	
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Expectant Mothers and their Babies:

Elizabeth Schaffer (January)

Comfort & Healing:

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
Carlos Guemes	Lori Gantz	Tom Knott
Celiann Santiago	Mackenzie Wister	
Dale Maloney	Mary Corson	
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Jack Rogers	Pauleen Williams	