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Episcopal Church and School



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

The Holy Eucharist
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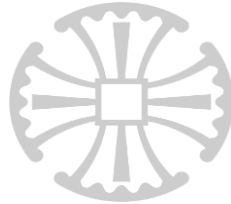
May 5, 2024 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

MISSION

We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

VISION

We are called to be a vibrant spiritual and educational community resource, radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere.



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School. We are glad you decided to join us for worship this morning. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service. After our worship, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. Visit our Information Desk to receive an olive wood cross from the Holy Land and learn more about the life and ministry we share together at Good Shepherd.

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Jesus welcomed children and so do we. We don't mind wiggles and noise, but if you would prefer a quiet room when infants become fussy, one is located off the lobby. A window and sound system allow families to see and hear the service. Nursery care for children under three is available in the Ryon Building (office) for the 10 a.m. service and is well-staffed by caring adults. For children in preschool through 5th grade, Sunday School is available at 10:00 in the Ryon Building. Children join their families in church mid-service for communion. Be sure to ask the greeters for directions or help.

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

On Easter Day, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. But Easter is a season of fifty days, often called the Great Fifty Days. The season lasts from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. Eastertide is fifty days long for a very specific reason. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost. So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN • 577 *Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Prayed by Celebrant*

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.**

GLORIA • S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *sung by all*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new /song, *
for he has done marvelous / things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy / arm *
has he won for himself the / victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the /nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you / lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the / harp, *
with the harp and the voice of / song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn *
shout with joy before the King, the / LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there / in.

- 9 Let the rivers clap their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the / earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the / world *
and the peoples with / equity.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN • 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTIONS

Graduating Seniors

Zachary Gouery
Charlotte Riddle

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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 FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Beloved by Christ, let us pray to our abiding God saying, "We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**"

Your people lift their voices to rejoice for all that you have done for us. May your church remember your faithfulness and follow in the footsteps of your Son.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

All nations have been shown your righteousness. May our nation and those in authority be guided to wise decisions and right actions on behalf of the people.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

The ends of the earth see your victory, O God. May we enjoy the fruits of creation while we care for this fragile earth. Give us courage to bear fruit that will last, producing it alongside of you.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

The sea and the land ring out with joy before you, O Lord. May we tend to our local community with the same generosity and love with which you have cared for us.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

Our graduates are ready to sing a new song. May we celebrate their accomplishments as they prepare for the next chapter of their life. Guard, guide, and defend them on their journey.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

With music we hear the beauty of your presence. May we hear the cries of those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of trouble. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Come swiftly to their aid.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

Your judgment we do not fear, O God, because you are good. May those who have died know the everlasting blessedness of your kingdom and love. We pray especially for Kevin Allen, brother of Peter Allen.

We see your victory, O Lord, **help us love one another.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT *prayed by Celebrant*

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES - *Zachary Gouery, Lilian Krechnyak, Edgar Lail, Alex Owosina, Sarah Owosina, and Charlotte Riddle*

THE BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Celebrant Go forth for God; go to the world in peace.

People **Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace.**

Celebrant Go forth for God; go to the world in love.

People **Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak.**

Celebrant Go forth for God; go to the world in strength.

People **Hold fast to the good, be urgent for the right.**

Celebrant Go forth for God; go to the world in joy.

People **to serve God's people every day and hour.**

Celebrant God the Father, bless you with grace as you grow into all that you are created to become. God the Son, bless you with faith as you seek pathways that lead through the challenges and trials of life. God the Holy Spirit, bless you with inspiration to go in peace to love and serve the Lord, from this day forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you as you celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and always. **Amen.**

THE OFFERING

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Risen Christ invites everyone to see life with the eyes of abundance. Good Shepherd is making a difference in the world through you. Please give generously with cash or a check today or visit our website to make a gift online. Thank you for sharing what you have so that together, God's abundance might be manifest in our midst.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs

DOXOLOGY • (blue Hymnal, 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need. Bless now this offering including that which we have given online, that it may be a blessing to the world, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer C*

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (S-129) *sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

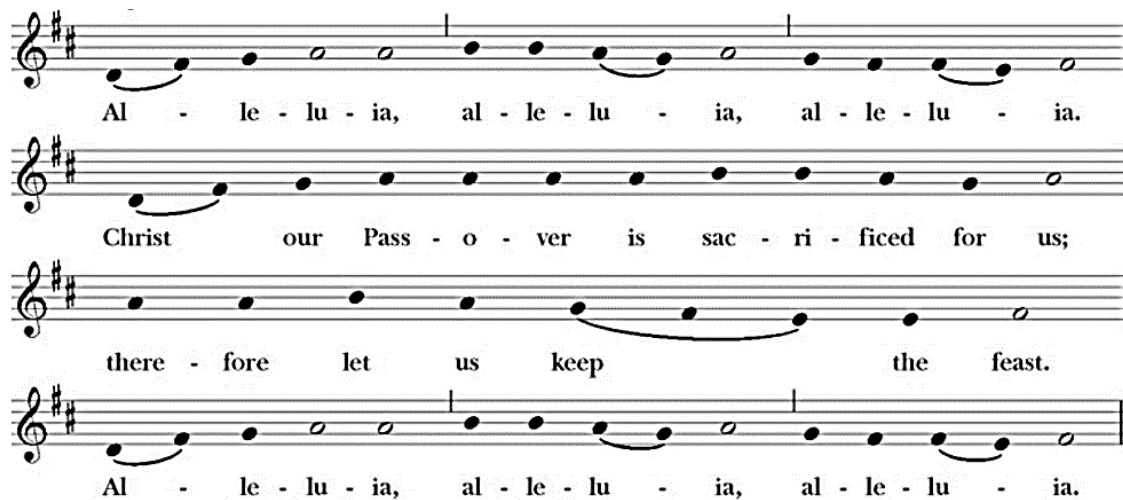
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread followed by a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-154)

sung by all



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition.

You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine. As an alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you are invited to receive by intinction and the priest will dip the bread in a separate chalice for you. To receive by intinction please fold your hands in front of you at the altar rail to indicate your preference. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

For those not receiving communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

If you would like special prayers for healing--whether it be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual--members of the Healing Team are available to pray with you in the side chapel. Please notify an usher if you would like a Healing Team member to come to you.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Canon in D

Pachelbel

If Ye Love Me

T. Tallis

Sung by the congregation

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymn 705

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *When scheduled*

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to N., that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN • 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Derek M. Larson, TSSF
Youth Speakers	Zachary Gouery, Charlotte Riddle
Acolyte Server	Zachary Gouery
Torch Bearers	Sophie Riddle, Ben Bonneau
Verger	Teresa Grashof
Reader	Sonya Ulman
Intercessor	Maggie Ulman
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy English, Peggy Greene
Healing Ministers	Joan Engskow, Kate Gouery
Ushers	Emily Smith, Elliot Gouery
Greeters	William Ulman, Jonah Gouery
Musicians	Tosh Burlingame, Elliott Gouery (bass), Jonah Gouery (piano), Zachary Gouery (guitar), Jack Grashof, Sophie Riddle, and the Parish Choir
Organist	Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Altar Guild	Jeanne Couillard, Sandi O'Malley
Coffee Hour	Paula Fullager
Flower Delivery	Kate Gouery

OUR STAFF

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