



# GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

## Morning Prayer – Rite Two

Wednesday | June 24, 2026

### **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

*Join us at 9:00 AM as we pray together.  
Or use this Order of Service for your own devotional time each day.*

### Opening Sentence

*Officiant says one of the following verses of Holy Scripture.*

May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. - *Psalm 115:15*

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. - *Zechariah 2:10*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." - *Isaiah 57:15*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A few moments of silence are observed to prepare our hearts for confession.*

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:  
*People* **Come let us adore him.**

**Venite** *Said in unison*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*Officiant* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:  
*People* **Come let us adore him.**



**Psalm 85** *Said in unison*

**85** *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



## First Lesson

### Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

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

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

### The Third Song of Isaiah *Said in unison*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Second Lesson

### Luke 1:57-80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:  
'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably  
on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,

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

### The Song of Simeon *Said in unison*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

as he spoke through the mouth  
of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy  
promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore  
to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued  
from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called  
the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord  
to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The child grew and became strong in spirit,  
and he was in the wilderness until the day he  
appeared publicly to Israel.



## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

## Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collects

*Prayed by Officiant*

*The Collect for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Quiet Confidence*

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and particularly those throughout the Anglican communion, remembering today especially:

The Diocese of Alabama (Episcopal) The Rt Revd Glenda Curry, Bishop.

We pray also for our Diocese of Southeast Florida and our Bishop, The Rt Revd Peter Eaton; and our companion dioceses, remembering today especially the Diocese of Haiti, The Rt Revd Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop.

*A Prayer for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We pray for our own parish family, and those dear to them, remembering today especially:

Karl and Ginny, Annie, Jacqui and Harry, Keith, Lenore, Christine, Doug, Dave, Lucy, Tom, Leslie, the McGrath-Burnett family, Barbara, Bob, Emily, and Stephen.

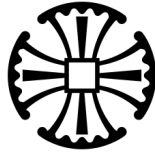
We pray also today for our Grow ministries, remembering especially:

Vacation Bible School, that Good Shepherd may serve as a vibrant spiritual resource, radiating God's love to children living in the Jupiter-Tequesta area; and Education for Ministry, that small groups may gather together to study Christian scripture, tradition and theology, while discerning their individual Christian callings.

*A Prayer for Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*At this time, we invite your prayers of petition, intercession and thanksgiving, either shared with all or held in the silence of your hearts.*



**A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*            Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*