



# GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

## Morning Prayer – Rite Two

Friday | August 22, 2025

*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.*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. - *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. - *John 4:23*

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*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*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*

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*People*

**Come let us adore him.**

**Psalms 140 and 142** *Said in unison*

**140** *Eripe me, Domine*

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; \*  
protect me from the violent,
- 2 Who devise evil in their hearts \*  
and stir up strife all day long.

- 3        They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; \*  
          adder's poison is under their lips.
- 4        Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; \*  
          protect me from the violent,  
          who are determined to trip me up.
- 5        The proud have hidden a snare for me  
          and stretched out a net of cords; \*  
          they have set traps for me along the path.
- 6        I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; \*  
          listen, O LORD, to my supplication.
- 7        O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, \*  
          you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8        Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, \*  
          nor let their evil plans prosper.
- 9        Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; \*  
          let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.
- 10       Let hot burning coals fall upon them; \*  
          let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again."
- 11       A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, \*  
          and evil shall hunt down the lawless.
- 12       I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor \*  
          and render justice to the needy.
- 13       Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, \*  
          and the upright shall continue in your sight.

**142**    *Voce mea ad Dominum*

- 1        I cry to the LORD with my voice; \*  
          to the LORD I make loud supplication.
- 2        I pour out my complaint before him \*  
          and tell him all my trouble.
- 3        When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \*  
          in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- 4        I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \*  
          I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.
- 5        I cry out to you, O LORD; \*  
          I say, "You are my refuge,  
          my portion in the land of the living."
- 6        Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \*  
          save me from those who pursue me,  
          for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; \*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

**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

### 2 Samuel 19:24-43

Mephibosheth grandson of Saul came down to meet the king; he had not taken care of his feet, or trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes, from the day the king left until the day he came back in safety. When he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, 'Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?' He answered, 'My lord, O king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said to him, "Saddle a donkey for me, so that I may ride on it and go with the king." For your servant is lame. He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you. For all my father's house were doomed to death before my lord the king; but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to appeal to the king?' The king said to him, 'Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land.' Mephibosheth said to the king, 'Let him take it all, since my lord the king has arrived home safely.'

Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim; he went on with the king to the Jordan, to escort him over the Jordan. Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man. The king said to Barzillai, 'Come over with me, and I will provide for you in Jerusalem at my side.' But Barzillai said to the king, 'How many years have I still to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? Today I am eighty years old; can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women?

Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king? Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king recompense me with such a reward? Please let your servant return, so that I may die in my own town, near the graves of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do for him whatever seems good to you.' The king answered, 'Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you; and all that you desire of me I will do for you.' Then all the people crossed over the Jordan, and the king crossed over; the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home. The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; all the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.

Then all the people of Israel came to the king, and said to him, 'Why have our kindred the people of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?' All the people of Judah answered the people of Israel, 'Because the king is near of kin to us. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?' But the people of Israel answered the people of Judah, 'We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?' But the words of the people of Judah were fiercer than the words of the people of Israel.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## **A Song of Praise** *Said in unison*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## Second Lesson

### **Acts 24:24-25:12**

Some days later when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him speak concerning faith in Christ Jesus. And as he discussed justice, self-control, and the coming judgement, Felix became frightened and said, 'Go away for the present; when I have an opportunity, I will send for you.' At the same time he hoped that money would be given to him by Paul, and for that reason he used to send for him very often and converse with him.

After two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and since he wanted to grant the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

Three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem where the chief priests and the leaders of the Jews gave him a report against Paul. They appealed to him and requested, as a favor to them against Paul, to have him transferred to Jerusalem. They were, in fact, planning an ambush to kill him along the way. Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea, and that he himself intended to go there shortly. 'So', he said, 'let those of you who have the authority come down with me,

and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them accuse him.'

After he had stayed among them for not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea; the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. When he arrived, the Jews who had gone down from Jerusalem surrounded him, bringing many serious charges against him, which they could not prove. Paul said in his defense, 'I have in no way committed an offence against the law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against the emperor.' But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, asked Paul, 'Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and be tried there before me on these charges?' Paul said, 'I am appealing to the emperor's tribunal; this is where I should be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. Now if I am in the wrong and have committed something for which I deserve to die, I am not trying to escape death; but if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can turn me over to them. I appeal to the emperor.' Then Festus, after he had conferred with his council, replied, 'You have appealed to the emperor; to the emperor you will go.'

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## A Song to the Lamb *Said in unison*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

## 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

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	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 of the Day (Proper 15)*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Fridays*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Mission of Good Shepherd*

Loving God, you sent your only Son Jesus Christ that we might have hope of eternal life and the Holy Spirit to sustain us in our faith in you: give us grace to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in this community, that we may radiate the transforming power of your love to everyone, everywhere; who live and reign together, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Diocese of Ogbaru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Prosper Afam Amah, Bishop; and

The Diocese of Ogbia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Matthew Ogaze, Bishop.

We pray also for our Diocese of Southeast Florida and our Bishop, The Rt Revd Peter Eaton; and the Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate.

*A Prayer for Mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

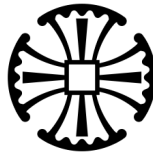
We pray for our own parish family, and those dear to them, remembering today especially:  
Jon, Toni, Carolyn, Mary Ella, Bob and Beth, Kiki and Russell, Christy, Don, George,  
Mirabelle, Terri, Grant, Kyle, Dylan, Nick, Gabriel, Rhett, and Brett.

We pray also today for ministries of current activity, remembering especially:  
*A Journey through Grief* Bereavement Group meeting, that parishioners may have  
opportunity to share, reflect, and support one another through the pain of loss; and  
The Food Pantry, that through nourishing the bodies and spirits of our neighbors in need,  
we may be a beacon of faith, hope and love in this community.

*Good Shepherd Parish Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of Good Shepherd truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. *Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**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 Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Prayed by Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*