

# GOOD SHEPHERD

*Episcopal Church and School*



*Earth belongs to God and we are its stewards*

EARTH STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The Holy Eucharist

*Rite Two*

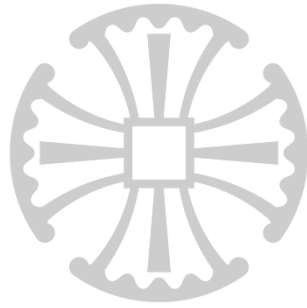
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## MISSION

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 your bulletin and place it in the Offering Plate at the back of the church after in the service.

## OUR BRIDGE

2021 is a year of transition. We are moving from a pre-pandemic place to another new and different world. To get us there, we are called to reevaluate our goals and plans, which have been dramatically shifted by the events of 2020. We are still the same church. Our mission and vision have not changed. We are simply moving ahead together as a community, and we are called to recognize that the most effective way to do God's work in the world is to adapt. As we cross over into the new place God is preparing **for** us, this is our BRIDGE.

**B**uild Relationships  
**R**eevaluate Priorities  
**I**magine Change  
**D**evelop Disciples  
**G**row Leaders  
**E**ngage Community

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST



## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

### HYMN

*Morning has broken*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*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.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST READING

ACTS 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 4

- 1    Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
      you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
      have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2    "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
      how long will you worship dumb idols  
      and run after false gods?"
- 3    Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
      when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4    Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
      speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5    Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
      and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6    Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
      Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7    You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
      more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8    I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
      for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

#### THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

HYMN

*For the beauty of the earth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36B-48

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf

*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**

Rejoicing in the power of the resurrection, let us offer our praise and thanks to God.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

We praise you for these good gifts, beseeching you that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

O God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly and fulfill our role in your eternal purpose.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Generous God, you have entrusted your creation into our care. Guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly and make wise choices in our everyday living.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Loving God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have called us to be reconciled to one another and with all creation. Grant that we may live together with animals with which we share this planet, being careful not to harm them or their habitats.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

O God, you are our source of life and you fill us with springs of water welling up to eternal life. May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care and being mindful in our efforts not to pollute them.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Give strength and patience, O Lord, to those in need; to those who have lost jobs; to those who are caring for children at home; and to all who are seeking peace and rest.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Grant your healing presence and grace to those who are sick and those in hospitals, to doctors, nurses, and all other health care professionals.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

O Lord, we acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from you. All that we have is a gift of your grace. May we learn to live within our means, by reducing our waste and continuing to reuse and recycle all that we can.

For the beauty of the earth,  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*The congregation is encouraged to offer additional prayers of petition or thanksgiving.*

Gracious and loving God, we praise you and thank you for your presence among us. Empower us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit to be your witnesses in the world, showing forth your glory in all we do.

Concluding Collect *Prayed by Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **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

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.**

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 OFFERTORY

*Although we are not able to pass the alms basins at this time, you may place your gifts in the offering plates at the back of the church. You are also invited and encouraged to continue your support of the mission of the Church through online giving or by mailing your offerings to the church office.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*All things bright and beautiful*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Prayer A*

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Cantor sings*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people stand or kneel.*



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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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. **AMEN.**

## **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** (*Sung by the cantor*)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*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

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

*For the beauty of the earth*

*~ John Rutter*

*Creating God, your fingers trace*

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

May Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May God the Son, through whom all things were made, give you his peace. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation, empower you for service. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

*All creatures of our God and King*

# THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*          **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*The Sanctuary Candle is given this month to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Yolanda Gasperino by Charlie & Dawn Gasperino.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God*

*Our vocalists today are Debbie White and Lydia Schweizer*

## OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf, *Rector*  
The Rev. Allison Spencer, *Assisting Priest*  
Merike Seely, *Parish Administrator*  
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