

# GOOD SHEPHERD

*Episcopal Church and School*



*This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist  
*Rite Two*

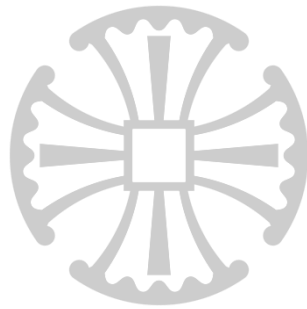
May 9, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

## 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 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

*Ave Maria*

*Schubert*

*The people stand.*

HYMN

*Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*Sung by cantor*

*Glory to you*

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

- 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 therein.
- 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.**

*All stand*

HYMN

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

*Celebrant*        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."

*Celebrant*        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

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus, you have called us as friends and chosen us to go and bear fruit in your Name. We offer ourselves to you this day, as we pray, "**Hear us, O risen Christ.**"

For your Church throughout the world, that all your people may walk in your ways and follow the path of love that casts out all fear; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may do the works that Jesus revealed in his ministry, the healing of the sick, the raising up of the lowly, the giving of sight to the blind, and the blessing of the poor and the grieving; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

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; let us pray.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died, in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, O risen Christ.**

*The congregation is invited to offer additional petitions at this time.*

Let us now pray for our own parish family.

**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.**

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY *Led by Intercessor*

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for how you have created us and called us into relationship with you as your beloved children. As a mother cares for her children, so you also care for us. Even when we have wandered far from you, you long to gather us together, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under the shelter of her wing.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

Today, we give you thanks for our mothers who gave us life, who cared for us, comforted us, loved us, and helped us become who we are today.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for mothers whose hands are full with children at home and for those with empty nests; for those who have become mothers through adoption, marriage, guardian ad-litem, and foster parenting.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those whose relationship with their mother is strained or broken; for those who never knew their mother; and for mothers, like Rachel, who weep for their children because they are lost, in danger, or suffering.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for women who struggle with infertility, like Sarah and Rachel; for those who have had miscarriages, difficult pregnancies, and experienced loss.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those whose grieve because their mothers have died.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for positive and supportive relationships between all women, those who have children and those who don't; those who work and those who stay at home.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

We give you thanks and praise for all the women who support and encourage others like a mother does. For women who serve as teachers, mentors, aunts, neighbors, pastors, and leaders in our community and around the world. For women who speak out for justice, equality, and peace.

Gracious Lord,

**Hear our prayer**

Pour out your blessing on all women that they may be filled with wisdom and grace; strength and patience; and unbreakable love, through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

*If ye love me*

*Tallis*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Prayer B*

*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**

*The Gift of Love*

*Hopson*

*The Greatest of These*

*Marshall*

## **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

*Love Divine*

## 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 Al Arbuthnot by the Good Guys, his brothers in Christ.*

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

*Our vocalists today are Lydia Schweizer, Debbie White, and Ian Anderson.*

## OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf, *Rector*  
The Rev. Allison Spencer, *Assisting Priest*  
Merike Seely, *Parish Administrator*  
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Dr. Rosemary Marshall, *Head of School*  
Jo Wood, *Director of Hospitality*  
David Dixon, *Youth and Family Minister*  
Debbie White, *Assistant Music Director*  
Letty Anderson, *Business Manager*  
Beth Long, *Thrift Store Manager*  
Ann Ballard, *Volunteer Office Assistant*

## OUR VESTRY

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Mike Howard, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Chittum, *Clerk*  
Mike Greene, *Treasurer*  
Beth Bohnsack, *Beverly Cunningham,*  
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