

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (EPISCOPAL)



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST THE KING

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Prelude

“March for a festival”

David N. Johnson

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus*

**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.**

The Second Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23*

A Reading from the first letter of Paul the Apostle to the church in Ephesus.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown

crown him to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crown, for he is King of all.

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Pastor Mike

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.**

Litany for the Renewal of the Church

Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

*Silence*

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the Church may be worthy of its liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above, and free, and the mother of us all, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of its beauty to the world, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That all its members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in the truth, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its clergy may be good and wise, strong and courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not exercising dominion, but serving as true leaders of the people, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its churches, councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom, eager to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its scholars may have disciples, its prophets hearers, its saints imitators, and all its pioneers be anxious to follow in their steps, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us all together in one united Church, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in its midst, may teach all to love one another, and all the nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

Father, be with us all. Christ, be with us all. Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore.**

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### For Healing and Special Concerns

Diane Adams	Ann Dadak	Charles Freiburger	Sandra Long	Aimee Pelletier
Bob Adolt	Henry Dailey	Kirt Gillum	SHM	Kathie Russeau
Jan & Jerry Armstrong	Charlotte Davis	Maureen Haak	Nancy Martin	Samantha Russeau
Lori Azevedo	Thomas Dorgan	Joan Hout	Claire McGraw	Kate Schaller
Wesley Barrett	Jennifer Duff	Wendy Huckins	Elissa Morin	Don Shepard
Louise Bessler	Roxanne Dwyer	Marie Hurley	Craig Morton	Cody Sleeper
Bob Bloemer	Debbie Eckers	Evelyn Jensen	Susan Nadeau	Jeff Snow
Paige Bourassa	Kathy Eckles	Jimmy & Peggy Kantargis	Teiyana Nolan	Phil Temple
Margaret Sheehan Brown	John Epstein	Meredith King	Michelle Normandin	Donna Voveris
Rose Emma Caisse	Charlotte Flint	Pauline Lawrence	Ella Ogonowski	Chris Walsh
Paul Cormier	Helen Francini	Dawn Marie Long	Tina Terry Peel	John Waugh
				Edi-Lu Wartella

**Altar Remembrance** is given in loving memory of **Ed Wehner, and Peg and Dick Foote** by Peg Wehner.

**An Altar Remembrance** is given in thanksgiving of **The Church of the Good Shepherd** by Richard Tetreault.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

*The People greet one another in the Name of Christ*

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

**People:** ***His Spirit is with us.***

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 thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world and clothe us with power from on high. And so, we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

***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.***

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

***All: AMEN.***

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Invitation to Communion

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.

*For those who wish to receive the sacrament, it will be available in the church parking lot or by pulling up outside the front of the church on Main Street, for pickup by appointment, please see the signup sheet online. The prayer of thanksgiving and the blessing will be administered to all who pick up communion at the church together with the dismissal.*

*For those who cannot receive communion in person the following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said as the ministers receive the Sacrament.*

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive Your Spirit in my Spirit. Although I cannot now receive you physically, come into my heart nonetheless as my invited guest. I welcome You into my life, knowing that you are already here, and I pray that by Your grace and power we may be mystically united, never to be separated. Amen.

At Your feet, O Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer to You the repentance of my contrite heart. I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love, the most holy Eucharist. I desire to receive You into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to welcome You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, as I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. **Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Closing Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in this Service as Readers:** Lisa Macaraeg, Bob Macaraeg, Don Yelton.

## THE PARISH NOTICES

**Please Note:** The Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Thank you** to the members of this morning's quartet of singers: Wayne Blair, April Duncan, Don Fluckinger, Cindy Hayes.

**A Pledge Drive Like No Other:** Pledge card packages were mailed to parishioners' homes. There are several ways for you to return the information: 1) Mail the pledge card to church in the enclosed envelope; 2) You can bring the pledge card to communion with you on Sunday; 3) Call or email the church office and indicate your pledge for next year. We need pledges returned so we can create our budget for next year. Thank you to all that have already returned your pledge cards. We have collected a total of 50 cards pledging a total of \$116,004. Our goal is to raise \$425,000.

**Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Questionnaire:** In continuing with CGS's commitment to service in our community, we are excited to be working closely with Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter as they prepare to open their expanded shelter next door in 2021. If you would be interested in volunteering once it opens or exploring ways to serve your community sooner than that, please fill out this survey and we will be in contact with you. Click on this link to access the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVMKH8L>

**CGS' Front Door Agency Outreach Committee's- Adopt a Child for Christmas:** The annual CGS Adopt a Child Christmas sign up begins **Sunday, November 22nd**. Parishioners will have the opportunity to adopt a child in need from the Norwell House this Holy Season. Due to COVID-19, sign up will be handled differently. Please sign up on the link below for the age and gender for the child you would like to adopt. Once you have chosen a child, a personal email will be sent to you with the child's name and wish list. Directions for drop off will also be included in the email. As always, thank you for your support and continued generosity. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44afae2aa3fa7-adopt>

**Various Worship Sign-Ups:** Parishioners wishing to receive communion outside are welcome to come to the church immediately following the 10:30 am service, which requires a sign up. To sign up click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-sunday>. **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**, there will be In-person **Morning Prayer**. To sign up for the Tuesday Morning Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-tuesday>. **Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30 am** there will be time for **Private In-person prayer** in the church. To sign up for the Wednesday morning Private Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-wednesday1>. Or you may call the Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm to sign up as well.

**Sunday Worship via Zoom Link: Sunday Mornings at 8:00 am. & 10:30 am.** Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Worship Online

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92625169665> Meeting ID: 926 2516 9665

**Sunday Adult Forum: Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am.** The topic this Sunday is "Giving Thanks: How to be a good Steward". Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Adult Forum

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96730301609> Meeting ID: 967 3030 1609

**Book Discussion Group: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm.** Please join Deacon Nancy on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. for a discussion group focused on racism and our Christian vows. The first book will be Castle by Isabel Wilkerson. Participants are asked to get the book and begin reading. Any questions please email Nancy at: [nrmeyer711@gmail.com](mailto:nrmeyer711@gmail.com). Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: CGS Adult Ed Racism Book Group

Time: Tuesdays 4:00 pm -5:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84991362569> Meeting ID: 849 9136 2569

**Midweek Coffee & Conversation:** Please join Pastor Mike & Pastor Greg on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am for Mid-week Fellowship. Here is the link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96168342581> Meeting ID: 961 6834 2581

**Thursday Evening Christian Formation:** This Advent, join us for “Setting the Stage: The Prologues of Matthew, Luke, and John.” We will be studying the opening chapters of the Gospels as we set the stage for Christ’s arrival at Christmas. Thursdays from 6:30pm on Zoom. Here is the zoom link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92725342575?pwd=MlhLSkpDdnBiNTlId21jQ1lxS004Zz09>

Meeting ID: 927 2534 2575 Passcode: 383726

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