

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (EPISCOPAL)



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AT 8:00 AM ON ZOOM, 10:00 AM IN-PERSON

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

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Prelude

“Ceremonial March in D major”

David N. Johnson

Opening Acclamation

The words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Alleluia.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Anthem

“Sing Joyfully to God”

Michael Joseph

O come, O sing, sing joyfully to the Lord, Shout joyfully; sing praises to the King of all the earth. Sing joyfully to God; give thanks and praise, Shout to the Lord, give thanks and praise, sing to the Lord our God. The earth is his, all nature sings his praise; the sun and moon and stars at night lighten all our days; Sing joyfully to God; give thanks and praise, Shout to the Lord, give thanks and praise, sing to the Lord our God. Come into his courts with thanksgiving; Sing joyfully to God. For he is our God; we are his people and the sheep of his flock.

Psalm 103: 8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

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.

The First Lesson *Romans 14:1-12*

A Reading from the letter of Paul the Apostle to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of Christ the Servant

1 Peter 2.21b-25

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, **that you should follow in his steps.**

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten, but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness,

By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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.

Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Please note- there is no singing allowed in person today. The words are included if you would like to follow along while the hymn is being played.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Christ

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ

Canticle #16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

The Sermon

Musical Reflection Solo

“All this and more”

Wendy Jensen

I see the light in the dark; drink living water in the drought, Feel the anchor of hope in rough sea. Now my emptiness is filled with the Bread of Life, For my Savior is all this, and more to me. The chains that bind, He will loose. When I am lost He shows the way. He will change eyes to see as he sees. He will show me how all things can be for my good, I stand in strength on His rock. My weary soul rest in His flock. His divine joy will set sorrows free. As He drank the bitter cup He became my King. The chains that bind, He will loose. When I am lost He shows the way. He will change eyes to see as he sees. He will show me how all things can be for my good. —Lynn Watkins

The Apostles' Creed

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father...

Suffrages

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 Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Rob our Bishop, for Mike, Greg and Nancy our clergy, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald our President, Chris our governor, Jim our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all who have been entrusted with authority over others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Nashua, and for everyone who lives and works here, that we may live in peace and in the service of the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have entrusted themselves to our prayers, [especially_____,] let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [_____, and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Healing and Special Concerns

Bob Adolt	Charlotte Davis	Maureen Haak	SHM	Kathie Russeau
Jan & Jerry Armstrong	Thomas Dorgan	Wendy Huckins	Elissa Morin	Samantha Russeau
Lori Azevedo	Roxanne Dwyer	Marie Hurley	Craig Morton	Kate Schaller
Eleanor Barnum	Debbie Eckers	Evelyn Jensen	Susan Nadeau	Don Shepard
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Jennifer Cassidy	Helen Francini	Dawn Marie Long	Tina Terry Peel	Chris Walsh
Ann Dadak	Charles Freiburger	Sandra Long	Aimee Pelletier	John Waugh
Henry Dailey				Edi-Lu Wartella

An Altar Remembrance is given in loving memory of my husband **Dr. Anthony Richards** by his wife Eleanor Richards.

A Gift was given to **The Book of Remembrance** in memory of **Edward Vignone** from Sandi Seibert.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with You.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude

“Fanfare”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Assisting in this Service as Readers: Chris Chadbourne, Jeff Snow, Howard Titus.

Assisting this week as Verger: John Townsend

THE PARISH NOTICES

Thank You: To the members of this morning’s quartet of singers, Wayne Blair, April Duncan, Don Fluckinger, and Cindy Hayes.

Please Note: **Friday, September 18th**, the Office Staff will be working remotely due to a Power Shut Down from Eversource. No one will be in the office but calls and emails will be monitored.

New Weekly Worship Schedule: We have a new Sunday Worship schedule to include an **8:00 am Zoom Morning Prayer** and a **10:00 am In-person worship**, sign-up required, outdoors as possible, then indoors as the season changes. To sign up for the In-person Sunday worship click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-outdoor1>. **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. Please note that the 10:00 am Wednesday Coffee & Conversation will still take place weekly, as will the Thursday Evening Prayer and Christian Education starting at 6:00 pm.

Sunday Worship via Zoom Link: **Sunday Mornings at 8:00 am. and 10:00 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

Harvey Shaw Memorial Auto Tour Zoom Planning Meetings: **TODAY, September 13th, after the 8:00 am Zoom Morning Prayer.** The Harvey Shaw Memorial Auto Tour will be on October 10th at Greeley Park. There will be weekly meetings to plan the event on Sunday mornings, following the Morning Prayer Service. To join, use this zoom link:

Topic: Car Show - Fall Tour, weekly Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99023945622>

Meeting ID: 990 2394 5622

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:

Topic: Midweek Morning Prayer & Fellowship: Coffee and Conversation

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96168342581>

Meeting ID: 961 6834 2581

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