

they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

The Psalm Psalm 23

BCP 612

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn

other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You Lord Christ**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Pastor Kathy

Holy Baptism

BCP 301

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Leo Christopher Kowalski

Colbie Louise Rossbach

Parents and Godparents : We present Leo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents : We present Colbie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks the Parents and Godparents the following questions:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant then says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for Leo and Colbie, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Leo, Colbie

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Leo, Colbie,

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessings

The Wine, Wafer, and Candle memorial is given in loving memory of Melissa Carnevale by her husband John Lewis.

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Arvid John Dahlbloom Jr. by his family.

The flowers before the Altar are given in celebration of Doug Liles's Birthday by Tina Marie Liles.

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Praise, O Praise

Martin How

Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration sing:

For his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run:

And the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light:

Praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain:

And hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield:

Praise him for our harvest-store; he hath filled the garner-floor:

And for richer food than this, pledge of everlasting bliss:

Glory to our bounteous King; glory let creation sing:

Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, Three in One.

Doxology

#380, v3 Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Sanctus (sung)

(Powell) Hymnal S129

**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.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

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,

***Celebrant and People:* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 the blessed Virgin Mary and 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

(Powell) Hymnal S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 heart by faith with thanksgiving.

All who are present are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Hymnal 645

Communion Taizé

WLP 829

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia.

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP 365

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

Recessional Hymn: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* Hymnal 205

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All are invited to stay seated and enjoy the Postlude

Postlude *Great is the Lord* Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith
arr. Tim Doran

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Intercessor: Jim Monahan

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This week's community prayer intentions for Healing and Special Concerns

Keith Adams	Sandy & Richard	Clark Lambert	Kevin Rebello
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Martin Burboa-Reese	Jeanne Gregoire	Elissa Morin	Richard Tan
Brian Burgess	Jacqui & Brian	Jim Mutherbaugh	Terry Toland
Cindy Caradis	Hollenbeck	Myranda Newton	Chris Walsh
Carnevale & Lewis	Chip & Sally Hulten	Susan Nutting	Bonnie Whalen
Family	Eileen Kashulines	Tina Ostrowski Lincoln	Jennifer Zeleneski
Charlene Core	Kathy Kashulines	Edith Pack	
	Marcy Klamka	James Pelham	

For Those Deployed in the Military

Alyssa Dyer, Alan James Epstein, Johnathan Epstein, Samuel Epstein, Robert Herendeen, Bryan Laliberte, Devon Lambert and Josh Lentz.

Upcoming Events

- Today: Adult Forum CGS Book Group Discussion *Living a Life that Matters*
- Today: Youth Group 6:00 PM
- Today: Workshop: King David Beginnings and Endings with Jeff Cooley 6:00 PM
- 4/22 Contemplative Prayer 11:30 AM
- 4/22 Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: 12:00 PM (Every Monday)
- 4/23 Sacred Ground continues 7:00 PM (Tuesdays through June 25)
- 4/24 Wednesday Morning Prayer 9:30 AM
- 4/25 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
- 4/27 Aging & Spirituality continues 10:00 AM (through June 1)
- 4/27 Recovery Dinner Church 5:30 PM
- 4/28 Rector's Discretionary/Non-Profit Offertory Plate
- 4/28 Lay Pastoral Care Team following 10:00 AM service
- 4/28 Nissitissit String Quartet Concert 4:00 PM

King David Beginnings and Endings

Join Boston College Old Testament scholar Jeff Cooley, PhD, today as he concludes adult formation class. This week we dive into David's importance to the writers of the New Testament centuries after his death. Bring your curiosity and your questions.

Snacks and drinks will be available, but feel free to bring dinner with you if you'd like. We'll meet in the CGS Lounge. Sign up online at cgsnashua.org/news or just join us!

Mothers Day Rose Altar, May 12 In tribute to our mothers, we are resuming the Rose Altar flowers. Red roses represent those moms still with us and white roses for those departed. Roses symbolize love, admiration and gratitude. You can also honor the women in your life who served as a mother figure. We are offering these roses for \$5 each. They will be prepared with water vials for fresh presentation. You will be invited to claim your tribute at the close of the services on Mother's Day. Please send your reservation to John by May 1. Forms available at the back of the church and in the pews. Questions? Call Peg Wehner 603-889-5067 or pegwehner44@gmail.com

Honoring loved ones through Memorials If you wish to honor a family member or friend on a special Sunday, you could donate money for the Flowers (\$60) or Wine, Wafers, and Candles (\$25). Please call Peg Wehner at 603-889-5067 or pegwehner44@gmail.com to discuss your wishes.

Esther Harless Scholarship

Esther Harless, a parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd for about twelve years, died in 1987 and left her estate to the church. A scholarship fund for youth was designated by the "Harless Committee", an amount to be invested and the income given to active youth of the parish. High school seniors (pending graduation), recent high school graduates and students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or seminary program are invited to apply. Deadline to apply is May 15. Link available at cgsnashua.org/news under "Parish Signups" Reach out to Sue Corman, Senior Warden, Harless Committee at radar3018@comcast.net.

Rector's Discretionary Fund/Local Non-Profit Offering

On the last Sunday of each month, starting April 30, the Offertory Plate gifts that are not pledges will be split between the Rectors Discretionary Fund which supports individuals in need with gas cards, grocery cards, rent assistance, etc and a local non-profit. The non-profit for April will be The Front Door Agency. Please consider giving a gift above your normal pledge on the last Sunday of each month.

Jerusalem ~ The Holy Land Pilgrimage 2026

Save the Date: Jerusalem ~ The Holy Land Pilgrimage: We have received new dates to see the Holy Land. The flock is heading to Jerusalem (as long as things settle down), so mark your calendars! CGS will arrive in Jerusalem for an April 21 – May 1, 2026,

Pilgrimage, (travel will take place before and after these dates). Another informational session will be held in the future as we get closer. We just wanted to get the word out that we have secured later dates, so folks can start saving and planning. For more information click the link [Jerusalem 2026 – Church of the Good Shepherd \(cgsnashua.org\)](#) which will bring you to the CGS website. Mary O’Reilly will be the Travel Coordinator for this trip, so any questions please send them her way at moreilly@cgsnashua.org or (603) 424-2432.

Upcoming Adult Forum

4/28 Nick Pothier, CGS Music Director will give a presentation on the history of singing in the church; from Anglican chant to hymnody, covering choral music as well. He will discuss influences on liturgical music and how the Episcopal church's musical tapestry is unique. Live musical examples will be included with a short slideshow.

5/5 Brother Eric, Our Lady of Walsingham, will talk about his experiences as a member of a lay monastic community.

5/12 Camino de Santiago Slideshow Join Pastor Kathy as she shares highlights of her 500-mile walking pilgrimage along the Camino Frances in Northern Spain.

5/19 CGS Book Group Discussion *Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North* by Rachel Joyce. Suggested by CGS Book Group 2022-2023 “Completing her trilogy of best selling novels that began with *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, Joyce returns with a beautiful novella about motherhood, grief and the power of forgiveness. A decade on from her husband’s epic pilgrimage, Maureen undertakes a journey of her own, in search of answers about their son’s suicide. Prickly and wary of strangers, Maureen is nonetheless portrayed with compassion and tenderness by Joyce, and the novel’s conclusion is deeply moving and life-affirming.” (www.theguardian.com)

5/26 TBA

6/2 Operation Renewed Freedom Geraldine Duncan will talk about how therapeutic horseback riding helps veterans, first responders experience renewed freedom.

6/9 TBA

Workshops

Goldwork Embroidery Class with Emily Adams, 5/19, 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Have you ever admired the beautiful embroideries on our church vestments and altar frontals, and wondered how they were made? Then this class is for you! This afternoon workshop will cover the basics of goldwork embroidery, which has been used to decorate ecclesiastical textiles for centuries. With Emily's patient and expert instruction, we'll work on embroidering the CGS cross using kits she provides. In addition to embroidery techniques, we'll also talk a bit about the history, use, and meaning of church embroideries. The kit included with the class provides the threads, fabric, and design to create your own goldwork embroidered cross, similar to the ones found in our sanctuary. There will be a limit of 10 kits, which cost \$20. Please bring your own sewing scissors if possible. This class is geared towards beginners, and no prior embroidery experience is necessary to stitch this design. Sign up at cgsnashua.org/news

THE STANDS, a new play by Jack Neary, comes to the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport, MA, May 3-5 after a highly successful run at the Players' Ring in Portsmouth! Winner of four New Hampshire Theatre Awards, including Outstanding Professional Production, **THE STANDS** is fast-moving, funny, suspenseful, high octane theatre.

Our Parish Administrator, John Budzyna, is designing the sound, lights and set for this incredible **MUST SEE** production. Special opening night 2 for 1 tickets on Fri, 5/3 at 7:30pm use code "AWARDS" www.firehouse.org/event/the-stands/



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