

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 us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts

do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Phillip Stopford

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have 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

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 fully human. 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; Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who 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 of the People

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
“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 our Bishop Rob, our Rector Kathy, our Deacon Nancy, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Joe Biden, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Nashua, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, 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 the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer list, 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 remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, most recently for Arvid Dahlbloom Jr. 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.

In the communion 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.

Celebrant:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Hymnal 208

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 (spoken)

(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;

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.

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

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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: Workshop: King David Beginnings and Endings with Jeff Cooley 6:00 PM

- Today: Youth Group 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

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: 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 at cgsnashua.org. 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 (cgsnashua.org/adult)

4/28 Nick Pothier, CGS Music Director

5/5 Brother Eric, Our Lady of Walsingham

5/12 Camino de Santiago Slideshow with Pastor Kathy

5/19 CGS Book Group Discussion

5/26 TBA

6/2 Operation Renewed Freedom

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