# **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

April 28, 2024—8:00AM & 10:00 AM The Fifth Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST 214 Main Street Nashua, New Hampshire 03061 603-882-5352 <u>www.cgsnashua.org</u>



**BCP 355** 

You are invited into silence to prepare for worship.

| <u>Prelude</u>     |             | Christ lag in Todesbanden   | Gottfried August Homilius |
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| Please stand as y  | ou are able | e as the ministers enter.   |                           |
| Processional Hy    | <u>mn</u>   | Christ is Alive! Let Christians                                     | Sing Hymnal 182           |
| <u>Acclamation</u> |             |   |                           |
|                    |             | <sup>c</sup> hrist is risen.<br><b>I is risen indeed. Alleluia.</b> |                           |

Collect for Purity

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**.

| <u>The Gloria (10:</u>                                  | Robert Powell  | Hymnal S280     |  |
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| <u>The Collect of the Day</u> —Fifth Sunday of Easter E |  |                 |  |
| Celebrant:  | The Lord be with you   |                 |  |
| People:   | And also with you.   |                 |  |
| Celebrant:  | Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so      |                 |  |
|   | perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth,      |                 |  |
|   | and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that |                 |  |
|   | leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who     |                 |  |
|   | lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy S                  | pirit, one God, |  |
|   | for ever and ever. Amen.   |                 |  |
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Please be seated.



<u>The First Lesson</u> Acts 8:26-40 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

<u>The Psalm</u> Psalm 22: 24-30 *Deus, Deus meus* 

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

#### **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.** 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

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26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

#### and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

### he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

#### all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

#### they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

# the saving deeds that he has done.

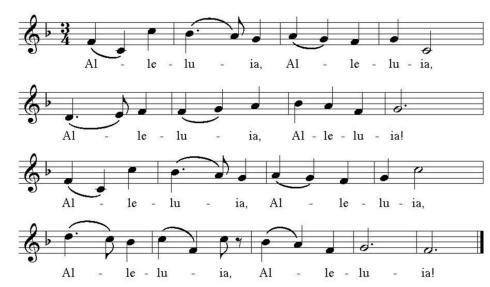
<u>The Second Lesson</u> 1 John 4:7-21 A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Phillip Stopford

Gospel Acclamation (10:00 AM)

#### <u>The Gospel</u> John 15:1-8 The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You Lord Christ

Please be seated.

#### <u>The Sermon</u>

Please stand as you are able.

#### The Nicene Creed

#### Pastor Kathy

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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.

<u>Prayers of the People</u> 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 Bob Bowes, Chuck Fairman 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 PeaceCelebrant: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 Announcements

The Offertory

On the last Sunday of each month, starting today, 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 this month will be The Front Door Agency. Please consider giving a gift above your normal pledge on the last Sunday of each month.

<u>Offertory Hymn (8:00 AM)</u> Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal 518

<u>Offertory Anthem (10:00 AM)</u> Lord of the Dance arr. Don Hart I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fisherman, for James and John, they came with me and the Dance went on. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a Cross to die. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance, and I still go on. They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

#### Doxology

#380, v3 Hymnal

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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)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People:

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. *People:* 

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*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 at 10:0 AM)

(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.** 

<u>Agnus Dei (10:00 AM)</u>

(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 Taizé

<u>Communion Hymns</u> I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal 304 WLP 829 Ps Allehuig

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Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia. Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia. (Praise the Lord, all you peoples.)

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

| Recessional Hyp   | mn: The Church's One Foundation           | Hymnal 525       |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>Dismissal</u><br>Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.<br><b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.</b> |   |                  |  |  |  |
| All are invited to stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.  |   |                  |  |  |  |
| <u>Postlude</u>   | Christ Lag in Todesbanden Johann He       | inrich Buttstett |  |  |  |
| Assisting in our Worship  |   |                  |  |  |  |
| <b>Readers:</b>   | 8:00 AM Mary O'Reilly, Doug Liles         |                  |  |  |  |
|   | 10:00 AM Richard Binder, Laurel Kandianis |                  |  |  |  |
| Intercessor:  | 8:00 AM Erin O'Loughlin                   |                  |  |  |  |

- 10:00 AM Trudy Yelton
- **LEM Chalicer**: 8:00 AM Theresa Belanger
  - 10:00 AM Don Yelton
- Ushers: 8:00 AM Sandy Desharnais, Marilyn Kantargis
- 10:00 AM Michael Toth, Monique Aubry
- Verger: Howard Titus
- <u>Altar Guild</u>: Shelby Balukonis, Betty Gollihue, Mark Denehy

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#### **Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)**

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

Keith Adams Jerry Armstrong Rev. Kate Atkinson Jerry Balcom Barbara Becky Jayme Bellafatto Janet Boduch Judy Boss Brandi Ella Brown Martin Burboa-Reese **Brian Burgess Cindy** Caradis Carnevale & Lewis Family Charlene Core Sandy & Richard Darling

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Samantha Rousseau Heather Rossbach Danil Shapovalov Family Nicole Sildaria Dawne Sosa Katherine Swisher Jan Sylor Richard Tan Terry Toland Chris Walsh Bonnie Whalen Jennifer Zeleneski

#### 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 Nick Pothier, CGS Music Director
- Today: Lay Pastoral Care Team following 10:00 AM service
- Today: The Nissitissit String Quartet (Cancelled due to illness)
- Today: Youth Group 6:00 PM
- 4/29 Contemplative Prayer 11:30 AM
- 4/29 Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: 12:00 PM (Every Monday)
- 4/30 Sacred Ground continues 7:00 PM (Tuesdays through June 25)
- 5/1 Wednesday Morning Prayer 9:30 AM
- 5/2 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
- 5/4 Aging & Spirituality continues 10:00 AM (through June 1)

**Mothers Day Rose Altar, May 12** (<u>Due by May 1</u>) 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 <u>peg-</u> <u>wehner44@gmail.com</u>

**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 <u>pegwehner44@gmail.com</u> to discuss your wishes.

# 30 Hour Fast and End 68 Hours of Hunger

Our youth grades 8-12 will be participating in the 30 HOUR FAST on May 3-4. This year we will be donating to "End 68 Hours of Hunger" which will benefit the families of the Nashua Community. During the fast youth learn about the causes and effects of hunger, participate in various games, outing to Shaw's to purchase food for a family five which is used to create a labyrinth, and placed at the alter for blessings then donated to the "End 68 Hours of Hunger". As an Outreach Event and Service Project we will also be raising money for this organization so they can serve the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate. **How can you help with this Outreach Event / Service Project?** Donate to their canned goods wish list: Canned Tuna, Canned Soup, Boxes of Oatmeal, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Individually Wrapped Snacks. A box will be placed in the office as well as outside of the office during Sunday Services. For additional information please go to <u>nashua@end68hoursofhunger.org</u>.

# **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**

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# 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)

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 bestselling 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

**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

# Dan Lauria performing Off Broadway

Dan Lauria ("The Wonder Years", "Lombardi", "Love Letters", Et al.) wrote and stars in "Just Another Day" at Theater 555 in Times Square, NYC. The show runs from May 3rd - June 22. For tickets go to www.theater555.com

**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. <u>Special opening night 2 for 1 tickets on Fri, 5/3</u> <u>at 7:30pm use code "AWARDS" www.firehouse.org/event/the-stands/</u>

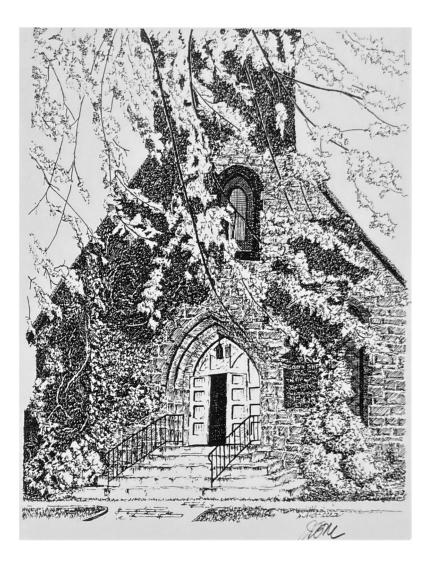
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