

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ



<http://www.goodshepherdbinghamton.org>

December 20, 2020

The Fourth Sunday in Advent – 10:30am

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for worship is here in these pages. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at either of the usher tables, or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

Weekly Update, December 20, 2020

Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:05am to walk through different books of the bible, verse by verse. Taught by Matt Kennedy in the main room of the parish hall. This class can be viewed in person or online each week by livestream. For more information, please contact the church office.

Thursday Evening Bible Study is currently being taught online. This is a great place to connect with others and learn more about what God has to say to us through his word.

Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner Good Shepherd offers a free nutritious meal to the people of Good Shepherd and the wider community on Thursday evenings from 5-6. If you are able, this is a great time to get to know others enjoy a free and delicious meal.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study A group of men gather at 6:30am to share bible study and prayer time together. Men of any age are welcome to attend. This study is currently meeting online and in person. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please email Pastor Matt, Jonathan Groves, or contact the church office.

Good Shepherd Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:00 – 7:30pm at Good Shepherd. All youth between the ages of 12-18 are welcome to join and study the book of Romans. Please contact Tyler Van Fossen if you'd like to be involved in any way. Email: tvf.arrowhead@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd Member Food Pantry has food available. Please contact a member of the staff or the church office if you need access to the pantry.

Christian Education for All is normally at 9:15am on Sunday Morning. Adult Education is continuing online and in person at that hour in the parish hall.

The current series is being taught by Matt Kennedy on CS Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*.

Children's programming has been divided between morning and evening. Ages 3-4 meet during the morning sermon. Ages 5-12 meet in the Children's Wing from 6-7pm.

Mission Groups aim to glorify God in helping Good Shepherd as a church become more like Christ. If you are looking for a way to get involved, grow in community, and deepen your understanding of God's word, Mission Groups are for you. All the groups are listed below, and you are welcome to contact the leaders directly. If you have any questions or would like to host or lead a group yourself, please talk with Jonathan Groves.

All Mission Groups are currently meeting weekly, both in person and by zoom.

Zoom Mission Group Update There are currently two NEW groups meeting entirely by zoom. Please contact Jon for more information!

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 20 – December 27, 2020

Sunday

- 8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
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- 9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children
(online and indoor observance available)
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- 10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (indoor and online observance available)
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- 12:30pm Please feel free to bring your own lunch and seating and enjoy some social time in the parking lot after the service.
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- 4-5:30pm Youth Group Christmas Party – Meet in the parish hall

Monday

- 6:30pm Vestal Eastside Mission Group
(see blurb for more information)

Tuesday

- 9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
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- 7:00pm Binghamton Southside Mission Group
(see blurb for more information)

Wednesday

- 7:00pm Bing. Westside Mission Group
(see blurb for more information)
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- 7:00pm Vestal 4 Corners Mission Group
(see blurb for more information)

Thursday

- 5:00pm Good Shepherd Annual Christmas Pageant

Friday

- 11:00am Christmas Day Service

Saturday

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Please Pray For...

Anglican Church of North America In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, Bishop Clark Lowenfield and his wife, Tricia.

Diocese of the Living Word Bishop Seabury Anglican Church (Pro Cathedral) Gales Ferry, Connecticut • The Ven. Jay Cayangyang • The Rev. Kevin Ryan • Deacon Art Hayward • Youth Ministry and Youth Pastors in ADLW

For the Homebound Betty Cancellieri, Lilian Malinak, Charles Mabula, Charles Hadley

For the Sick Peyton, Rick, Jason D., Doug & Maureen, Charles, Russ, Bill, Debbie, Bob, Hal and Carol, Joe B., Bev, Evelyn Martin, Kathy, Eileen, Fred, Andrew, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Lillian, Diane Price, Keith LaGier, Lin, and Bruce

Missionaries Pray for the work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

Serving at Good Shepherd Dec. 20, 2020

8am Celebrant: Bob Carlson
Reader (8:00): Pastoral Assistant
Usher (8:00): Terry Ray
Altar Guild: Mary Schuster
Shepherd's Bowl: Amanda Rabineau with Team 4
Reader (10:30): Micah Lovell
Crucifer: Aedan Kennedy
Acolytes: Rowan and Gwendolyn Kennedy
Usher (10:30): Ben Murphy
Tellers: Helen Cetton, Tom Dinnel

Serving at Good Shepherd Dec. 27, 2020

8am Celebrant: Matt Kennedy
Reader (8:00): Christine Johnson
Usher (8:00): Terry Ray
Altar Guild: Helen Cetton
Shepherd's Bowl: *No Shepherd's Bowl*
Reader (10:30): Scott Pineau
Crucifer: Silvan Pineau
Acolytes: Talitha and Adaliah Pineau
Usher (10:30): Phil Nelson

Daily Lectionary

Morning	Evening
Monday	
Psalm 118 Rev 13 John 14:1-7	Psalm 120, 121 Isaiah 64 Luke 20:1-26
Tuesday	
Psalm 122, 123 Isaiah 65 Revelation 14	Psalm 124, 125, 126 Luke 20:27-21:4
Wednesday	
Psalm 127, 128 Isaiah 66 Revelation 15	Psalm 129-131 Luke 21:5-38
Thursday	
Psalm 132-133 Isaiah 60 Revelation 16	Psalm 134-135 Song of Songs 1 Luke 22:1-38
Friday	
Psalm 19 Isaiah 9:1-8 Revelation 17	Psalm 85,110 Song of Songs 2 Luke 2:1-14
Saturday	
Psalm 136 Acts 6:8-7:6 Revelation 118	Psalm 137-138 Song of Songs 3 Luke 22:39-53
Sunday	
Psalm 139 Revelation 19 John 21:9-25	Psalm 141-142 Song of Songs 4 Luke 22:54-71

Happy Birthday!

December 22 Jonah Carlton
December 23 Ife Ojetayo
December 23 Evelyn Van Fossen

Happy Anniversary!

December 23 Liz & James Hull

What's Going on at Good Shepherd...

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Dec 20, 4PM-530PM - YG Christmas Party (Food Provided)

Dec 27 & Jan 3 - No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

Jan 10 - Youth Group Resumes Regular Sunday Meetings @ 6PM

Feb 5-7 - Arrowhead Winter Retreat & Service Project

Feb 7 - No Youth Group (Arrowhead Weekend)

Current Mission Group Meeting Locations:

Vestal Eastside

Leader: Ben Murphy

Host: The Murphys

Time: Mondays @ 6:30pm

Location: 3109 Burriss, Apt 4, Vestal, NY

Binghamton Southside

Leaders: Carrie Nelson and Jonathan Groves

Host: Kariah Manwaring

Time: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd.

Binghamton, NY 13903

Binghamton Westside

Leaders: Tyler Van Fossen and Liz Hull

Host: The Van Fossens

Time: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 65 Beethoven St. Binghamton, NY

Vestal 4-Corners

Leader: Chris Emmons

Host: The Emmons

Time: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 3105 King St., Endicott, NY

Advent Reset Have you found that you have let slip some of the good habits that you had firmly in place before COVID? You aren't alone! Many people at Good Shepherd have intimated that bible reading, prayer time, and other healthy habits have fallen by the wayside and they are having trouble getting back to them. The mind, the body, and the spirit are all loved by Jesus. As a faithful church waiting for the return of our Lord, we want to spur one another on to love and good works.

Zoom Morning Prayer (Spirit) This service meets online by zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available each day at www.dailyoffice2019.com. This is a great way to get back to reading the bible and prayer. Join the parish email list and look for a daily email invitation in your inbox.

The Screwtape Letters (Mind) This new Christian Ed series focuses on the famous fictional CS Lewis book about two demons conversing through letters on the best ways to dissuade a new Christian from pursuing a Christ centered life.

How About a Constitutional? (Body) (a walk or other mild exercise taken for the benefit of one's health) It's cold outside, and we've all started holiday baking. Consider taking a few moments to get some fresh air with a walk. If you'd like company, either in person or virtually, please reach out to either the office or Anne Kennedy (by text).

December 24, 5pm – The Annual Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant (Ask the office for an e-vite if you haven't received one!)

December 25, 11am – Christmas Day Service

ORDO Church Calendars The 2021 Good Shepherd ORDO church calendars are available at the front of the sanctuary at the usher's table. Please feel free to pick one up on your way into or out of the sanctuary.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Praise We the Lord This Day

Processional

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people stand

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us

People **Christ, have mercy upon us**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'" In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132:8-19

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place;*
you, and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,*
and let your saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For your servant David's sake,*
turn not away the presence of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has made a faithful oath unto David;*
and he shall not shrink from it;

12 "Of the fruit of your body*
shall I set upon your throne

13 If your children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach
them;*

their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion to be a habitation for himself;*
he has longed for her.

15 "This shall be my rest forever;*
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her provisions with increase,*
and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health,*
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish;*
I have prepared a lantern for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame;*
but upon himself shall his crown flourish." I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

The Second Lesson

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The people stand facing the procession

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Kennedy

The Nicene Creed

The people stand, if able

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,
"hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Julian Dobbs, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially our President, Mr. Donald Trump.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

I invite you to add your own additional prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

~1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Offertory

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. There is an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a PayPal account. If you choose to give via [PayPal](#) you can avoid fees by paying directly from your bank. Be sure to uncheck the box that says, "paying for goods and services" at the bottom or paypal will charge Good Shepherd a fee. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.*

Offertory Music

Lo, How A Rose

The Presentation of the Gifts

The People Stand

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
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 just and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and say

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, Hosanna in the Highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by

his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People *have mercy on us.*

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People *have mercy on us.*

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People **grant us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

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.

Communion Music

Magnificat

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

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 upon you, and remain with you forever and ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

The Angel Gabriel

The people stand if able and sing

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment, primarily using chords and single notes.

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Tell Out My Soul

Thank you for worshipping at Anglican Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!

We would be so grateful if you would deposit your used bulletins in one of the recycling bins located near the exits of the sanctuary or parish hall as you pass by.

Acknowledgements

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Service Music

Prelude: *"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"* Johannes Brahms

Processional: *"Come, thou long expected Jesus"* Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Roland Hugh Prichard

Offertory: *"Lo, how a rose"* Words: 15th Century German, translators, vv1, 2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, v3 by Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, V. 4 by John Caspar Mattes, 1876-1948,

Music: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN : Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne,

Communion: *"Magnificat"* CCLI Song # 5567894, Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend; © 2008 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com; CCLI License # 3237915

Recessional: *"The Angel Gabriel"* Basque Carol Words Para. Sabine Baring-Gould

Postlude: *"Tell out my soul"* Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt. © 1962 by Hope Publishing Company, All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission, CCLI License # 3237915

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