Church of the Good Shepherd Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



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December 6, 2020 The Second Sunday in Advent - 8am

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 6, 2020 Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study This bible study meets every Tuesday morning 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 Beginner's Bible Study The Thursday evening bible study is a beginner's bible study that normally takes place in the green youth classroom at 6pm each week following the Shepherd's Bowl Community dinner, <u>however it is</u> <u>currently being taught online</u>. 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 Each Thursday evening, Good Shepherd offers a free community dinner to all. The Shepherd's Bowl ministry seeks to give a nutritious meal to the people of Good Shepherd and the wider community. If you are able, this is a great time to get to know others in our community and congregation and have a free meal! Shepherd's Bowl is currently being served as a take away meal due to the health and safety concerns surrounding the covid epidemic.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study Each Friday morning, 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** 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 as the youth group continues to study the book of Romans. Please contact Tyler Van Fossen if you'd like to know how to help or be involved in the Good Shepherd Youth Group in any way. Email: tvf.arrowhead@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd Member Food Pantry The 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 Each Sunday morning at 9:15am there is a Christian Education class (Sunday School) provided. Adult Education takes place in the parish hall, and children's classes are currently on hold. Please contact Anne Kennedy for more information.

The current Christian Ed series is being taught by Matt Kennedy and is called *The Screwtape Letters*, examining the CS Lewis book of the same name.

Mission Groups exist to bring glory to God as we help each other become more like Christ for the sake of His kingdom and church. 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. And we are excited to start them up again this month! Please consider the list below, and if you are interested in joining any particular group, please contact that leader. 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.

Sunday	
8:00am	Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am	Christian Ed for adults and children
	(online and indoor observance
	available)
10:30am	Service of Holy Eucharist (indoor
	and online observance available)
12:30pm	Please feel free to bring your own
_	lunch and seating and enjoy some
	social time in the parking lot after
	the service.
4:00pm	Advent Lessons and Carols (online)
6:00pm	Youth Group – Meet in the parish
-	hall at Good Shepherd
6:00pm	Catechesis for children aged 2-11
-	meets in the children's classroom
	area of the parish hall

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday	y
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community
	Dinner
6:00pm	Beginner's Bible Study
Friday	
6:30am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
Saturday	7
11:00am	Memorial Service for Kay Seaman,
	followed by luncheon in the parish
	hall
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Please Pray For...

Anglican Church of North America In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Province of South America and The Rt. Rev. Greg Venables, Presiding Bishop and his wife Sylvia. Diocese of the Living Word Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit Tulsa, Oklahoma • The Ven. Carl Eyberg Women's Ministry Leaders 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 teachers and children of the Kuinde Preschool.

Serving at Good Shepherd Dec. 6, 2020

Altar Guild: Helen Cetton Shepherd's Bowl: Mark Dreher with Team 2 Usher (8:00): Terry Ray Reader (8:00): Terry Ray Reader (10:30): Brett Dewing Usher (10:30): Scott Pineau Tellers: Chris Jones, Scott Pineau

Serving at Good Shepherd Dec. 13, 2020

Altar Guild: Karen Carlton Shepherd's Bowl: Jeannie Garruto with Team 3 Usher (8:00): Terry Ray Reader (8:00): Christine Johnson Reader (10:30): Amber Lovell Crucifer: Patrick Carlton Acolytes: Jonah and Seth Carlton Usher (10:30): Micah Lovell

Daily Lectionary		
Morning	Evening	
Mor	nday	
Psalm 92, 93	Psalm 94	
Isaiah 50	Luke 12:1-34	
Acts 28:16-31		
Tue	sday	
Psalm 95, 96	Psalm 97, 98	
Isaiah 51	Luke 12:35-53	
Revelation 1		
Wednesday		
Psalm 99, 100, 101	Psalm 102	
Isaiah 52	Luke 12:54-13:9	
Revelation 2:1-17		
Thu	rsday	
Psalm 103	Psalm 104	
Isaiah 53	Luke 13:10-35	
Revelation 2:18-3:6		
Fri	day	
Psalm 105:1-22	Psalm 105:23-45	
Isaiah 54	Luke 14:1-24	
Revelation 3:7-22		
Saturday		
Psalm 106:1-18	Psalm 106:19-48	
Isaiah 55	Luke 14:25-15:10	
Revelation 4		
Sur	nday	
Psalm 107:1-22	Psalm 107:23-43	
Isaiah 56	Luke 15:11-32	
Revelation 5		

Happy Birthday!

December 9	Peyton Alexander Finch
December 11	Bruce Layman

Happy Anniversary!

What's Going on at Good Shepherd...

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting Schedule Dec 6 & 13 Regular Sunday Meeting @ 6PM **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 Burris, 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 church waiting for the second coming of Jesus, we want to spur one another on to love and good works.

Morning Prayer (Spirit) Good Shepherd will be having a Zoom meeting for morning prayer during Advent. The service will be held online at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available each day at <u>www.dailyoffice2019.com</u>. This is a great way to get back to reading the bible and praying each morning. This service is by invite only, so please look for an email invitation in your inbox in the coming week.

The Screwtape Letters (Mind) This new Christian Ed series will focus on the famous fictional CS Lewis book about two demons conversing through letters on the best ways to dissuade a new Christian from following 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).

Zoom Mission Group There has been some interest expressed in putting together a mission group that meets by zoom for those that cannot attend an in-person mission group. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Jonathan Groves for more information. **Memorial Service for Kay Seaman** Good Shepherd will be having a memorial service to remember Kay Seaman on Saturday, December 12 at 11am. There will be a luncheon served in the parish hall to be followed by the greening of the church.

Good Shepherd Advent Schedule

December 6, 4pm – Advent Lessons and Carols (online at goodshepherdbinghamton.org)

December 12, noon – The Greening of the Church

December 24, 5pm – The Annual Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant

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

Rorate Ceoli

Processional

Prepare the way, O Zion

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 85

1	LORD, you have been gracious to your land; *
	you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.
2	You have forgiven the offence of your people *
	and covered all their sins.
3	You have taken away all your displeasure *
	and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
4	Restore us then, O God our Savior, *
	and let your anger cease from us.
5	Will you be displeased at us for ever, *
	and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?
6	Will you not turn again and quicken us, *
	that your people may rejoice in you?
7	Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
	and grant us your salvation.
8	I will hearken to what the LORD God will say, *
	for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.
9	For his salvation is near to those who fear him, *
	that glory may dwell in our land.

10	Mercy and truth have met together; *
	righteousness and peace have kissed each other
11	Truth shall flourish out of the earth, *
	and righteousness shall look down from heaven
12	Indeed, the LORD shall show goodness, *
	and our land shall give its increase.
13	Righteousness shall go before him, *
	and he shall direct his going in the way.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-18

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Gospel

The people stand facing the procession

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.PeopleGlory to You, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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.

ReaderLord, in your mercy:PeopleHear our prayer.

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

ReaderLord, in your mercy:PeopleHear our prayer.

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

ReaderLord, in your mercy:PeopleHear 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.

ReaderLord, in your mercy:PeopleHear 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.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

~1 Timothy 1:15

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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 <u>Breeze</u> 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 <u>PayPal</u> 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 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Presentation of the Gifts

The People StandCelebrantAll things come of thee O LordPeopleAnd 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

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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

CelebrantChrist our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

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m 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 E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd 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

On Jordan's Banks, The Baptist's Cry





The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude To God We Render Thanks And Praise

Thank you for worshiping 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.

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Service Music

Prelude: "Rorate Ceoli" (Advent Prose) - Gregorian Chant adapted for organ

<u>Processional:</u> "**Prepare the way, O Zion**" Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999) Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

Offertory: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982 Meter: 87. 87. 77. 88 Communion: "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz © Morning Star Music Publishers

Recessional: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Postlude: "To God We Render Thanks and Praise" J.S. Bach, public domain.

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