

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



**March 29, 2026 – 10:30am**

### **Palm Sunday**

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table 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!

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# A Service of Holy Eucharist

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*Today's service will begin at the church sign on Conklin Ave.*

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

*People* **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

### Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and

others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**  
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**W**e praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
*People* **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Procession**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

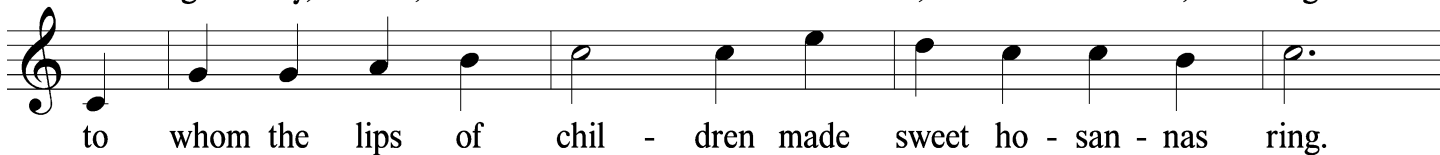
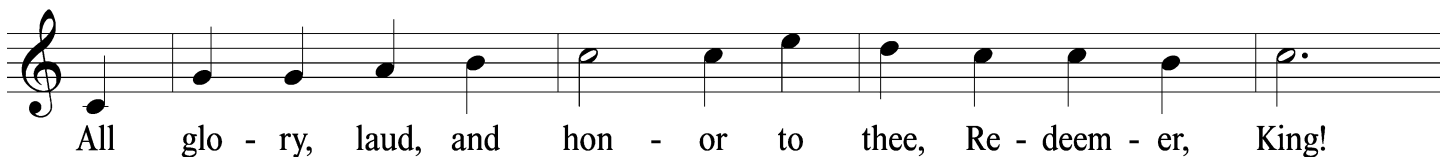
**A**lmighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Highland Cathedral*

bagpipe solo, Alex Mazanek

## Thou Art the King of Israel (All Glory, Laud, and Honor)

*The people process if able, and sing*



2. *The* com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3. *The* peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4. *To* thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



2. *and* we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3. *our* praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4. *to* thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5. who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 52:13-53:12

Pew Bible pg. 613, LP pg. 729

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:1-11**

sung by the gs choir

1. MY GOD, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:  
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:  
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy:  
O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee:  
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee, and were holpen:  
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:  
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:  
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:  
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help me.

## **The Second Lesson**

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

Pew Bible pg. 981, LP pg. 1165

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 27:1-54**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*The people remain seated*

Narrator        When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

Reader "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Narrator They said,

Reader "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Reader "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money."

Narrator So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

Reader "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Narrator Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

Reader "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You have said so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Reader "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Reader "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

Narrator For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Reader "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Reader "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

**Congregation "Barabbas."**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Reader "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

Narrator They all said,

**Congregation "Let him be crucified!"**

Narrator And he said,

Reader "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation "Let him be crucified!"**

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Reader "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator And all the people answered,

**Congregation "His blood be on us and on our children!"**

Narrator Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

Reader "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),

*The people stand, if able*

they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Reader "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him,

Reader "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Narrator And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

Reader "This man is calling Elijah."

Narrator And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Reader "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Narrator And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

Reader "Truly this was the Son of God!"

## The Sermon

The Reverend Jonathan Groves

## 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**

*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.*

## **The Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ~Matthew 7:21

*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. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also 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. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.*

# The Offertory Music

## At the Name of Jesus

*The people, sitting or kneeling*



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
\*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
\*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

## The Presentation of the Gifts *From All that Dwells Below the Skies*

*The people stand, if able, and sing*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

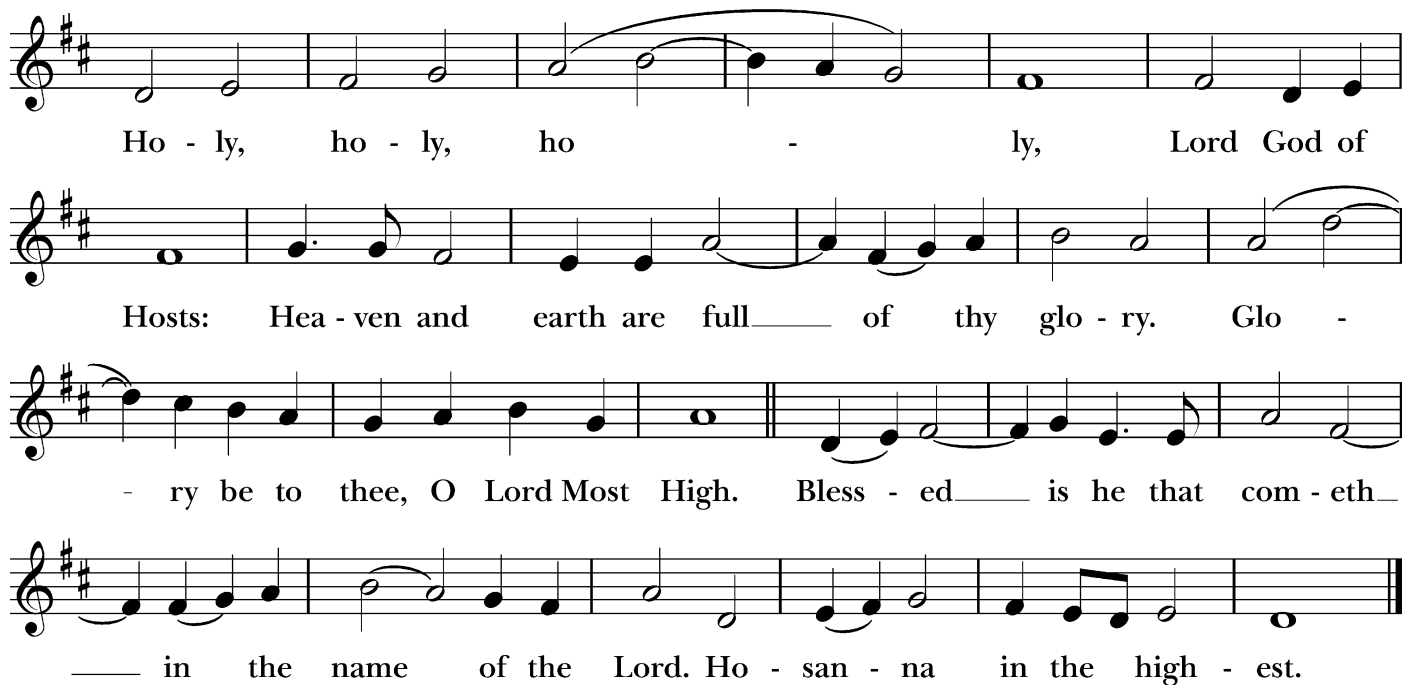
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

Willian

*The people remain standing and sing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Prayer of Consecration

*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.

So 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 together*

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

**A**nd here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, 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 for ever. **Amen.**

**A**nd now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The people remain kneeling, and say*

**O**ur 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.**

## 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*

**W**e 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Agnus Dei

Willian

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy 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

## Wilt Thou Forgive

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*



1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,  
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won  
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun



which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?  
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?  
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;



Wilt thou for - give those sins through which I run,  
Wilt thou for - give that sin which I did shun  
swear by thy - self, that at my death thy Son

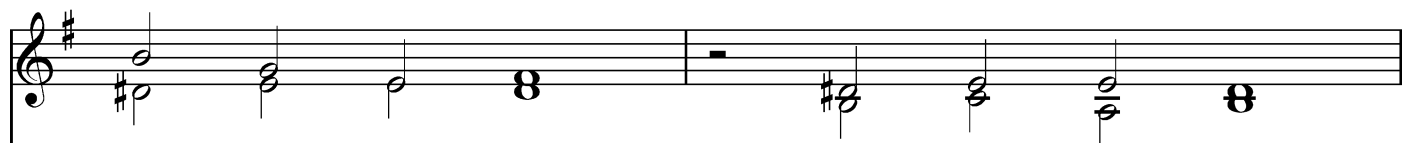


and do run still, though still I do de - plore?  
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?  
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.



When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

## O Sorrow Deep



1 O sor - row deep! Who would not weep  
2 The Pas - chal Lamb, like I - saac's ram,  
3 Blest shall they be e - ter - nal - ly  
4 O Je - sus blest, my help and rest,



with heart - felt pain and sigh - ing!  
 in blood was of - fered for us,  
 who pon - der in their weep - ing  
 with tears I pray thee, hear me:

*slightly slower*

God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son  
 pour - ing out his life that he  
 that the glo - rious Prince of Life  
 now, and e - ven un - to death,

in the tomb is - ly - ing.  
 might to life re - store us.  
 should in death be sleep - ing.  
 dear - est Lord, be near me.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**lmighty 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Recession

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*The people stand, if able, face the recession*

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the musical phrases.

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

## The Dismissal

*The people stand if able*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Postlude

*"Nimrod" (Enigma Variations)*

E. Elgar

*Thank you for worshiping at Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!*

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## Weekly Update, March 29, 2026

### Ongoing Ministries

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:05 am in the Parish Hall to walk through the bible, verse by verse. It meets in person and is available online by livestream.

**Shepherd's Bowl** Good Shepherd offers a dinner to the church and wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** This study meets in the sacristy at 6:15.

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at 6:30am for breakfast, study, and prayer. If you are interested, please email or text Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office.

**Women's Bible Study**  
This study meets in the parish hall at 5:15 on Wednesday evenings.

**Good Shepherd Food Pantry**  
Having a bit of a hard time making ends meet? The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is for church members stocked by food provided by the congregation. If you could use some help, please feel free to pop into the food pantry (just off the kitchen). We also have a small basket in the freezer that might have a few items as well.

Everyone's generous donations are appreciated! Even a can or two can help.

Current food pantry needs: spaghetti Sauce, hearty soups, canned fruit, & meats/proteins.

**Holy Group Squad (Young Adult Ministry)**  
Post high-school aged people meet together Sunday evenings (6pm) in the Sacristy for book studies and conversation.

**Good Shepherd Youth Group** meets Sundays at 6pm in the choir loft and is studying the book of Genesis. This is an engaging context for kids to grow in

- 1) Knowledge of scripture and doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

#### **Christian Education for Everyone**

**Nursery** care for babies is organized by parents during Christian Education. For more information, talk with Anna or stop in at the nursery.

**Children** are invited into specially prepared Montessori-style rooms where they pray, worship, learn from scripture, engage with liturgy, and become gradually oriented toward a full life in the church.

**Younger teens** cover a range of topics—the Bible, liturgy, church history, apologetics, the 39 Articles—in a three-year cycle. This is a discussion-style class that prepares them for confirmation.

**Adults and older teens** discuss and study topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

**Morning Prayer** meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at [www.dailyoffice2019.com](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com). Join the parish email list and find the zoom link in the weekly update. Hope to see you there!

**Home Groups** meet weekly around the Binghamton area. They study the readings for the Sunday coming up, pray, and build relationships. Check in with Jonathan Groves or Joe Kovac to get connected.

## Week at a Glance Schedule, March 29, 2026 – April 5, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00am	Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am	Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am	Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available) Nursery Available (0-3) Children's Chapel (3-8 during the sermon)
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Potluck Lunch</b>
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad Youth Group

<b>Monday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer

<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
<del>9:05am</del>	<del>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</del>
6:00pm	Riverside Home Group

<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
<del>5:15pm</del>	<del>Women's Bible Study</del>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice (choir loft)</b>
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Tenebrae service</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:00pm	Endwell Home Group
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday service</b>

<b>Friday</b>	
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Good Friday, noon</b>
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Vigil Rehearsal</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Great Vigil of Easter</b>

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<del>4:30pm</del>	<del>Choir Practice</del>
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# The Services of Holy Week

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Tenebrae	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm
Maundy Thursday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00pm
Good Friday, Hours	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00pm
Stations of the Cross	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm
Easter Vigil	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
Easter Day	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am, 10:30am

**Tenebrae (Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>) 7:30PM** Tenebrae means “shadows” in Latin. It is a service of word, light and sound. When you arrive for worship you will see two groups of candles lit on the altar table. As readings are read the candles on the altar will be gradually extinguished until the very end of the service when the last candle left lit is removed from the worship space and the whole sanctuary is left in darkness. At that point a loud crash will (should) shatter the silence of the sanctuary. Then, after a moment, the last candle is returned to the sanctuary, and the worshippers depart in silence. The gradual darkening of the sanctuary and the crashing noise symbolizes the apparent victory of death, darkness, and chaos over Jesus Christ on the cross. The final candle being removed and returned, symbolizes the truth that through Jesus’ death, God gained victory over all the powers of evil. The Light was not overcome.

**Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>) 7:00PM** Maundy Thursday communion celebrates the humility of Jesus with a ceremonial foot washing. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord’s and yet on the night before he died, during the Last Supper, he knelt down and one by one washed his disciples’ feet. He did this to show his disciples, and to show you and me, how to serve one another with humility and love, being willing even to stoop to the most menial tasks. Maundy Thursday is the last chance for communion until the Great Vigil.

**Good Friday (Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>) noon** At about 3pm on Friday of Holy Week he lifted his eyes up to heaven from the cross and breathed out his last. “It is finished” he said. He was not only referring to his life, but he was also referring to his mission to deal with and defeat once and for all sin, death, and Satan.

**Stations of The Cross (Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>) 7:30PM** This is a solemn service. The participants walk through the stations of the cross by candlelight, hearing a brief reading at each, and exit the sanctuary in silence.

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**The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>) 7:30PM** Along with Tenebrae, the Easter Vigil is one of the most ancient services of the Church. It is the most important service of the entire year and it is the first service of Easter. The service begins in total darkness—the lights of the sanctuary are out and not a candle is burning. Then a fire is lit in a firepot at the center of the nave and from that flame all the candles in the sanctuary and the hand-candles in the congregation are lit. Then come readings and psalms, said and sung, by singers and by the whole congregation. The sermon follows and then the first Communion of Easter. The Great Vigil begins at 8:00pm in the sanctuary.

## What's Happening at Good Shepherd

**Welcome!** We are happy to share the news that Ken and Kit Donovan welcomed their daughter, Maria Sophia Elizabeth Donovan on March 4th. Due to a stomach bug, the family is only now able to receive meals. If you'd like to sign up to Take-Them-a-Meal, you can do so at this address:

<https://takethemameal.com/KLLW5204>

**Potluck** Please come downstairs to the parish hall for a potluck lunch after the 10:30 service.

**Easter Flowers** If you would like to donate to the Easter Flower Fund to beautify the chancel, please make a separate contribution marked "Easter Flowers" between now and Thursday, April 2nd. There are slips in this Sunday's bulletins to include when you drop cash or a check in the offering plate, or you can give by Breeze or Paypal. You can also text your offering to (607) 882-6551.

For each \$10 given, you are invited, at the conclusion of the 10:30 Service on Easter Day to take a potted flower home for your own celebration.

### Some Holy Week Notes

All bible studies are cancelled during Holy Week and Easter week. All studies will resume after April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Morning prayer will continue through holy week, and pause for the week after Easter resuming on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please check with your home group leaders to find out information on meeting schedules.

Traditionally, the week after Easter, the clergy take the week off. During this week, please try not to contact any of them unless it is an emergency. The office will be open and happily humming away, so do reach out if you need anything.

### 2026 Potluck Schedule

This year, we're going to change things up a bit, and line the potlucks up with feast days rather than the first Sunday of the month. Most feast days have some sort of food associated with them, so we thought it would be fun to take our inspiration from that when possible.

**March 29** – *Palm Sunday*, general potluck

**April 26** – *Good Shepherd Sunday*, Cinnamon Rolls, Meat pies

**May 24** – *Pentecost*, Fowl (chicken, turkey, etc.)

**August TBD** – Church picnic

**September 27** – *Michaelmas*, Harvest theme & Pie and Cookie Competition

**October 25** – *Reformation*, European foods

**November 22** – *Christ the King*, Chili & Cornbread Cookoff

**December 13** – *St. Lucia*, Soup & Stew

**January 10, 2027** – *Epiphany*, International Foods (Game Day)

There will be no potlucks in June & July.

**Make a Joyful Sound!** During Easter Vigils in the distant past, it was a tradition for the congregation to ring bells at certain points in the service. We would like to reintroduce that tradition of congregational bell ringing during parts of our Easter Vigil service this year. The bells are rung from the moment the resurrection is announced during the service, through the song that follows, and then any time the word 'Alleluia' is said or sung for the remainder of the service. Anyone attending the Easter Vigil service is welcome to bring small bells to ring at this time. Please consider bringing the type of bell that you wouldn't mind another person ringing right beside or behind you, as the idea is to make a unique and joyous sound during specific parts of the service.

*Please Pray For...*

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer** We pray for the Diocese of San Joaquin and for Bishop Eric Menees and his wife, Florence.

**The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word** We pray for St. George’s Anglican Church in Helmetta, New Jersey , The Rt. Rev. Marc Steele, and Deacon Greg Ventura; for Men’s Ministry Leaders in ADLW; and for The Rev. Jim Ferguson

**For the Homebound** Charles Mabula, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker-Gardner

**For the Sick** Peyton, Rick, Charles, Chris, Sue, William and Arianna, Chuck, Helen & Dave, Sarah, Theresa, Linda, Gail, Roger, Arlene, Jim, Patricia, Joe L, Dave, Mamie, Kathy, Judy, Warren, Michael M, Craig, Karen, Patty, Bruce, Bob, Tim, Larry, Wilma

**For those Experiencing Loss**

**For our Missionaries** Please pray for Bob and Joyce Carlson and for their continued work with Africa International University.

**For the Persecuted Church** Please pray for Christians in Kyrgyzstan, Mali, and Nigeria.

**Daily Lectionary, Year II  
60 Day Psalter Cycle**

<b>Monday March 30</b>	Psalm 73 Prov 28 1 Tim 1:18—2 end
<b>Tuesday March 31</b>	Psalm 77 Prov 29 1 Tim 3
<b>Wednesday April 1</b>	Psalm 79, 82 Prov 30 + 1-9,15-33 1 Tim 4
<b>Thursday April 2</b>	Psalm 41 Dan 9 John 13:1-20
<b>Friday April 3</b>	Psalm 40 Lam 3:1-36 John 18
<b>Saturday April 4</b>	Psalm 88 Lam 3:37-58 Heb 4
<b>Sunday April 5</b>	Psalm 118 Exod 15 Acts 2:22-32

**Happy Birthday!**

March 29	Tara Walworth
March 31	Anita Hill
March 31	Lin Layman
April 1	Steven Chukolosky

**Next Sunday’s Lectionary Readings:**

**Easter Sunday**  
Ex 14:10-14,21-31  
Ps 118:14-17,22-24  
Col 3:1-4  
Matt 28:1-10

**Financial Snapshot**

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the previous week’s giving.

**As of March 22**

Anticipated budgeted giving to date	\$85,315
Actual giving to date	\$123,202
Difference	+\$37,887

**The Vestry of Good Shepherd**

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