

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



April 6, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist Lent V – 10:30am

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

April 6, 2025 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Passion Sunday

Prelude

"Elevation 44"

P. Benoit

The Processional

Hail! Thou Once Despised Jesus

The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

Pew Bible pg.604, LP pg. 717

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 **Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, ***
whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Overturn our captivity, O LORD, *
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- 6 **Those who sow in tears ***
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

The Second Lesson

Acts 28:23-31

Pew Bible pg. 937, LP pg. 1114

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

What Wondrous Love is This

The people stand and sing, facing the procession

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.

The Gospel

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

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

Luke 20:9-19

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon 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."

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially President Trump, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Kraham that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Steve and Julian, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, Bob and all who minister at Good Shepherd, and to Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

(In our own diocese we pray for Restoration Anglican Church in Miami, Florida, for Inactive & Retired Clergy, and for The Rev. Andrew McGinley.

In the ACNA we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile.)

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission. Bless, we pray, Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We pray especially for Christians in Iran.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those you might name now.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

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 Exhortation

The people sit for the reading of the exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord: if you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, you must consider how Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, exhorts us all diligently to examine ourselves before we presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if we receive that holy Sacrament with a truly penitent heart and lively faith, spiritually eating the Flesh of Christ and drinking his Blood, so that we might be made one with Christ and he with us; so also is the danger great, if we receive these gifts unworthily. For then we become guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior, and we eat and drink to our own condemnation.

Therefore, judge yourselves lest you be judged by the Lord. First, examine your life by the rule of God's commandments. Wherever you have offended, either by thought, word, or deed, confess your sins to Almighty God, with the full intention to amend your life. Be ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs you have done to others; and also be ready to forgive others who have offended

you: for otherwise, if you unworthily receive Holy Communion, you will increase your own condemnation. Therefore, repent of your sins, or else do not come to God's Holy Table.

If you have come here today with a troubled conscience, and you need help and counsel, come to me, or to some other Priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive godly counsel, direction, and absolution. To do so will both satisfy your conscience and remove any scruples or doubt.

Above all, each of us should give humble and hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. He humbled himself, even to death on a Cross, for us sinners who lay in darkness and in the shadow of death, that he might make us children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Because of his exceedingly great love for us, our Savior Jesus Christ has instituted and ordained these holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death and passion, to our great and endless comfort.

To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give continual thanks, as is our duty and our joy, submitting ourselves entirely to his holy will and striving to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **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

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

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

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

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

The people remain sitting

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Musical score for 'The Presentation of the Gifts' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy 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

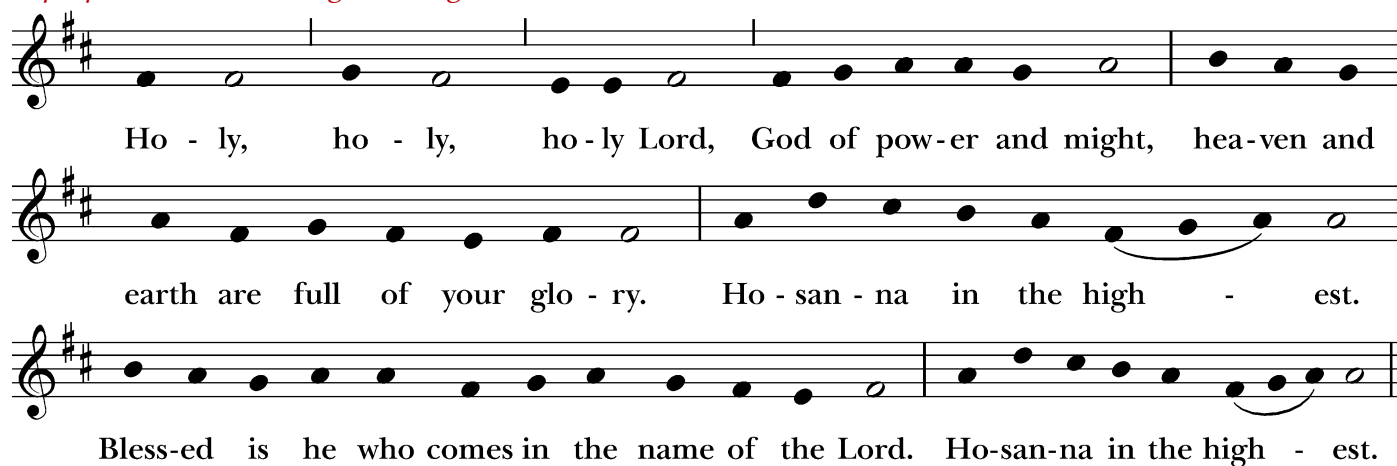
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes 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

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.

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,

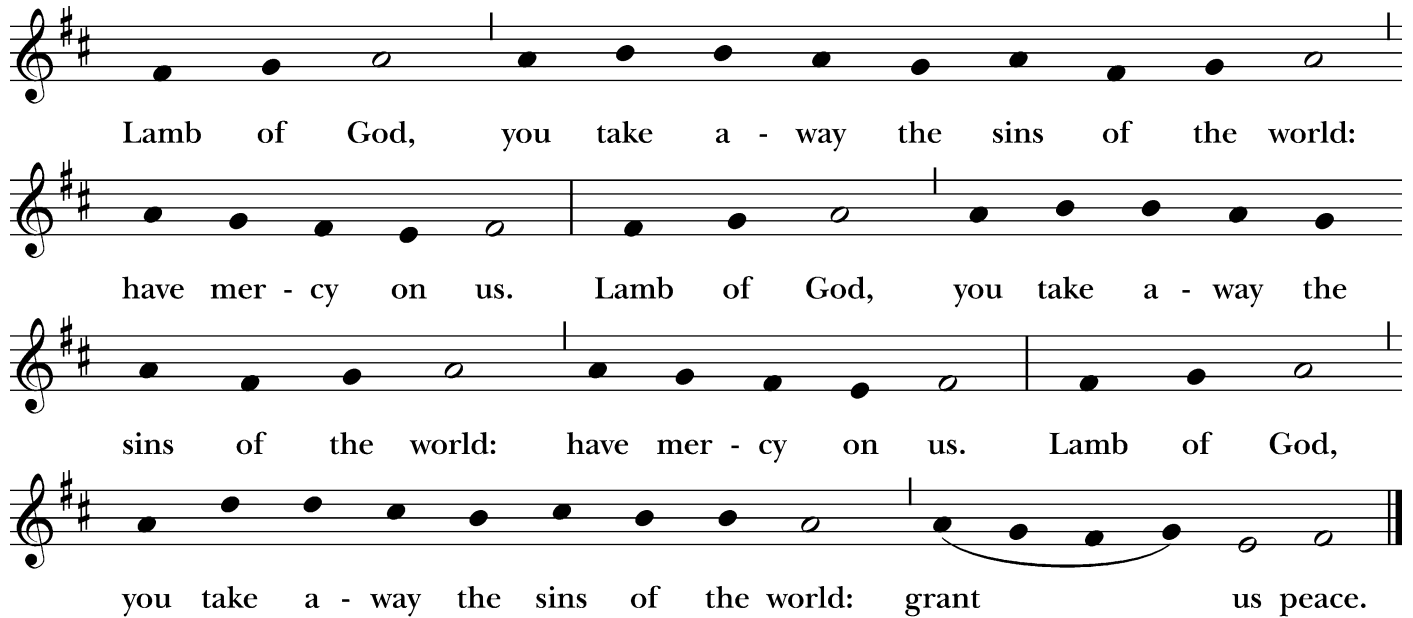
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,

that 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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

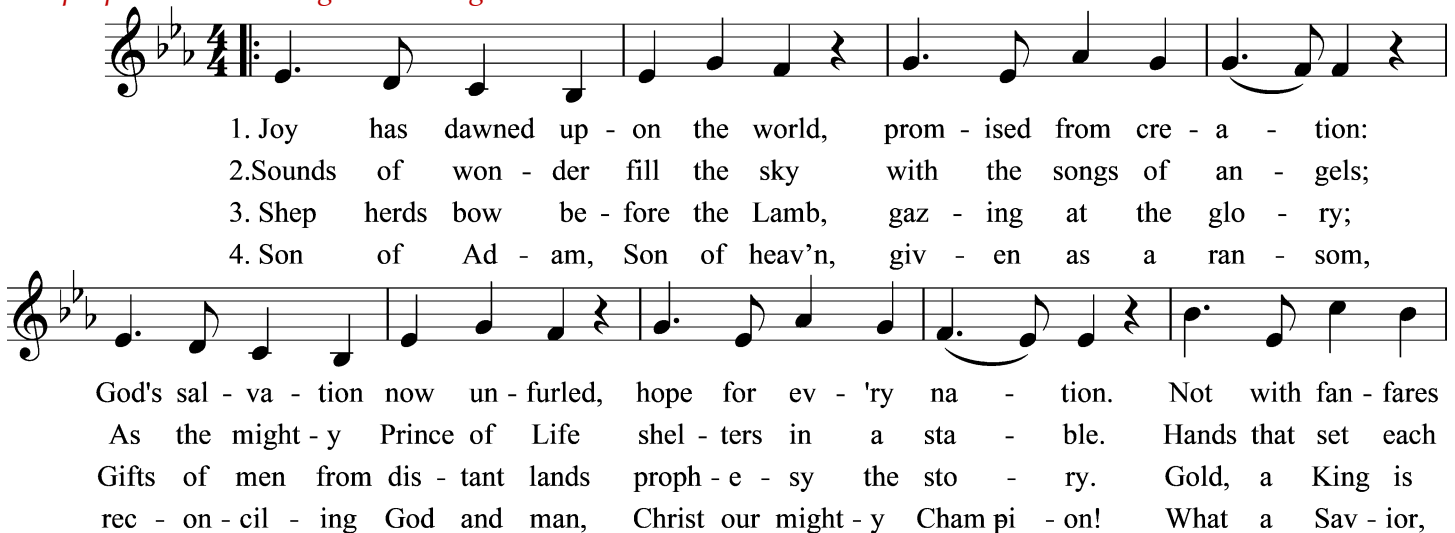
Celebrant

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

Joy Has Dawned

The people remain sitting or kneeling



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;
3. Shep herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,
God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion. Not with fan - fares
As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry. Gold, a King is
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y Cham pi - on! What a Sav - ior,



from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love:
 star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness. Cling now to a moth - er's breast,
 born to - day; In - cense, God is with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way,
 what a Friend, what a glo - rious mys - ter - y: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem,



Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 by His blood He'll win us.
 now the Lord of his - to - ry.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has



done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.



We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our
 In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed,
 fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob,
 one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er,



gath - - - ered up.
 be my strength.
 bring sha - - lom.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Recession

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The people stand if able and face the recession

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
For - bid it, - Lord, that I should boast,
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
sor - row and love of flow - ing Christ, my God!
that were a pres - ent far too gled down.
small.

my All Did Love rich - est the e'er so gain vain such a - gain things love maz - I that and ing, count charm sor - row but me di - - loss, most, meet, vine,

and I or de - pour sac - thorns - mands con - ri - com - tempt ri - fice pose my soul, on them so my all through rich life, my my pride. blood. crown? all.

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.**

Postlude

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

E. Elgar

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Weekly Update, April 6, 2025

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. They are currently in the book of Judges.

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 and is studying the book of Ezra.

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. This class is currently in the Book of Genesis.

Women's Bible Study meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons. They are currently studying the book of Luke.

Morning Prayer meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at www.dailyoffice2019.com. Join the parish email list and look for a weekly email invitation in your inbox.

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 or Joe Kovac to get connected.

Good Shepherd Youth Group meets Sundays at 6pm and are 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

The youth group meets in the choir loft.

Christian Education for Everyone

Children

For children aged 1-12 Good Shepherd offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a program of prayer, worship, and scripture in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Pen (1-3), The Pasture (3-6), The Vineyard (6-9), and The Tabernacle (7-12).

Teens

Teens aged 12 through 14 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 kids for confirmation.

Adult Class

Discussion and study on topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

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.

Food Pantry current needs are: peanut Butter, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Corn and Baked Beans

Week at a Glance Schedule, April 6, 2025 – April 13, 2025

Sunday

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)
12:30pm Potluck: Soup and Stew Competition (parish hall)
Acolyte training (sanctuary)
 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
 6-7:30pm Youth Group
 Holy Group Squad

Friday

7:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
 4:30pm Women's Bible Study

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Monday

7:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Riverside Home Group

Tuesday

7:00am Morning Prayer
 9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
 3:30-4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Hawleyton Home Group
 7:00pm Zoom Home Group

Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30-8pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
 6:15pm Beginners Bible Study
 6:30pm Endwell Home Group

Home Groups exist to glorify God and build up the church through weekly gatherings where members of Good Shepherd and non-members alike may come to grow in fellowship and discipleship around God's word.

Current locations and times of groups:

1) Hawleyton Group

Time: Tuesdays, 7:15pm
 Host: Ronnie Murphy
 Location: 1342 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903

2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays, 6:00pm
 Host: Anna Dreher
 Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

3) Endwell Group

Time: Thursdays 6:30pm
 Host: Andrea Kovac
 Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm
 Host: Scott Pineau

The Services of Holy Week

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 13 th	
Tenebrae	April 16 th	8:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 17 th	6:30pm
Good Friday, hours	April 18 th	12:00pm (noon)
Stations of the Cross	April 18 th	8:00pm
Vigil Rehearsal	April 19 th	10:00am
Easter Vigil	April 19 th	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	

Palm Sunday (Sunday, April 13th, 2025)

Palm Sunday is the day that Christians observe the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Crowds of people greeted him at the city gates with waving palms as the King of the Jews. One short week later, he would be hung upon the cross at Golgotha.

This year, the 10:30 service begins with the Liturgy of the Palms at the street sign, and processes through the parking lot into the sanctuary doors on Saratoga Street.

Tenebrae (Wednesday, April 16th) 8:00PM 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 17th) 6:30PM

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 18th) 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 18th) 8:00PM

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.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 19th)

8:00PM 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

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.

Easter Flowers Each year Good Shepherd decorates the altar for the Easter Vigil and Easter Day with many flowers.

This year, we continue the new tradition of inviting the congregation to join us. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers, please make a separate contribution earmarked "Easter Flowers" on any Sunday between now and Palm Sunday. For each \$10 that you give, please take a flower home after the 10:30 Easter Day service.

The Mary & Martha Guild is open to all ladies in the church. Our next meeting is Saturday April 12th from 11-1, as always there will be soup & bread for a light lunch. We will be helping with Palm Sunday preparations and making cinnamon rolls to freeze for Good Shepherd Sunday.

Lenten Discipline Men at Good Shepherd are invited to gather together every week during Lent to encourage and pray for each other. If you would like more information, please talk with Ken Donovan or

2025 ADLW Synod and Missions Conference

This year's synod and missions conference will be held in McLean, Virginia on May 15-17. Anyone is welcome to attend the open sessions of synod. This year should be particularly interesting as Archbishop Steve Wood, and John Stonestreet will be the primary speakers. You can find more information at our diocese website: adlw.org.

Acolyte Training There will be an acolyte training session after the 10:30 service today. Please see Dcn. Roy for more information.

Potluck This Sunday, April 6th will be the Soup and Stew Competition. If you'd like to participate, please bring a pot of your favorite soup or stew for our judges to try!

If you don't want to compete, please bring a dish of something to share, but stay and have lunch even if you don't!

Sunday Lunch Each Sunday after the 10:30 service, there will be lunch served in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to go down after the service and enjoy a light lunch before heading home.

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for The Anglican Church of Chile.

The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

This week we pray for Restoration Anglican Church in Miami, Florida, for Inactive & Retired Clergy, and for The Rev. Andrew McGinley.

For the Homebound

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker

For the Sick

Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Helen & Dave, Jeremy, Sarah, Theresa, Griffy, Linda, and Gail.

For our Missionaries

Please pray for Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

For the Persecuted Church

Please pray for Christians in Iran.

Happy Birthday!

April 7	Silvan Pineau
April 10	Jennifer Fowler
April 12	Eli Powers Clark

Happy Anniversary!

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke (22:39-71) 23:1-49 (50-56)

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

Monday April 7	Psalm 89:1-18 Lev 17 Mark 5:21-end
Tuesday April 8	Psalm 90 Lev 18 Mark 6:1-29
Wednesday April 9	Psalm 92, 93 Lev 19 Mark 6:30-end
Thursday April 10	Psalm 95, 96 Lev 20 Mark 7:1-23
Friday April 11	Psalm 99, 100, 101 Lev 23 Mark 7:24-8:10
Saturday April 12	Psalm 103 Lev 26 Mark 8:11-end
Sunday April 13	Psalm 105:1-22 Num 6 Mark 9:1-29

Financial Snapshot

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the budget report that is submitted at the meeting each month. You can find that info below.

February

YTD Giving & Revenue	111,182
YTD Expenditures	83,788
YTD Gain/(loss)	27,394

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