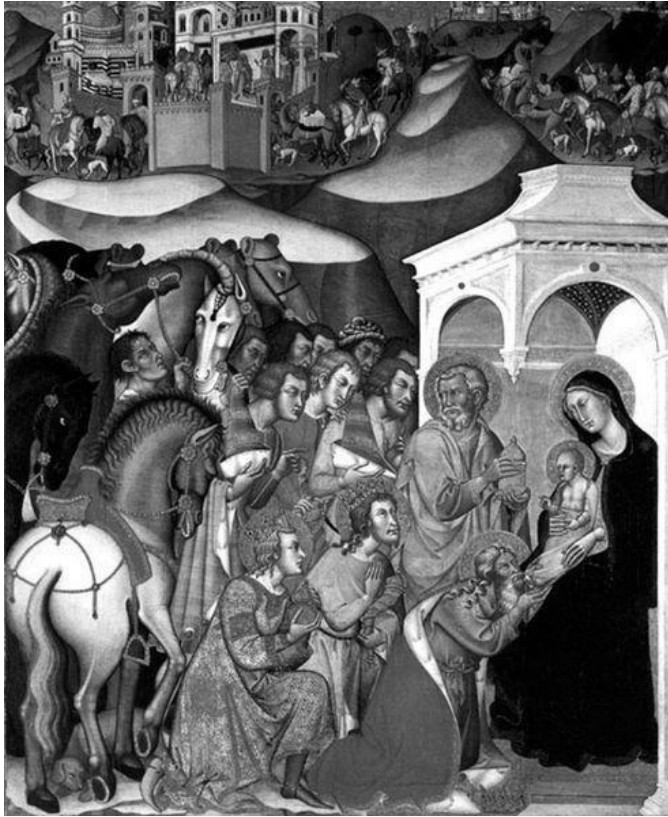


Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



<http://www.goodshepherdbinghamton.org>

December 27, 2020

The First Sunday of Christmas – 10:30am

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

Weekly Update, December 27, 2020

Ongoing Ministries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 27 – December January 3, 2020

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.

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

- 5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community
Dinner
- 6:00pm Beginner's Bible Study

Friday

- 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday

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, online, and indoor
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.
- 6:00pm Youth Group and Catechesis,
meets in the parish hall and
classrooms of Good Shepherd, Led
by Tyler Van Fossen and Anne
Kennedy

Please Pray For...

Anglican Church of North America In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Diocese of the South, Archbishop Foley Beach, his wife, Allison, and Bishop Frank Lyons, and his wife, Shawnee..

Diocese of the Living Word Christ Church Anglican, Branford, Connecticut • The Rev. Stan Price (Vicar) • Evangelism and Outreach Ministry 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 Good Shepherd Seminarian Ife Ojetayo and the Ojetayo family.

Serving at Good Shepherd Dec. 27, 2020

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

Serving at Good Shepherd Jan. 3, 2020

8am Celebrant: Bob Carlson
Reader (8:00): Joyce Carlson
Usher (8:00): Terry Ray
Altar Guild: Karen Carlson
Shepherd's Bowl:
Reader (10:30): Christine Osgood
Crucifer: Emma Kennedy
Acolytes: Elinor and Murielle Kennedy
Usher (10:30): Chris Jones
Tellers: Tom Dinnel, Helen Cetton

Daily Lectionary

Morning	Evening
Monday	
Psalm 140 Jeremiah 31:1-17 Revelation 20	Psalm 143 Song of Songs 5 Luke 23:1-25
Tuesday	
Psalm 144 Song of Songs 6 Revelation 21:1-14	Psalm 145 Luke 23:26-49
Wednesday	
Psalm 146 Song of Songs 7 Revelation 21:15-22:5	Psalm 147 Luke 23:50-24:12
Thursday	
Psalm 148 Song of Songs 8 Revelation 22:6-21	Psalm 149, 150 Luke 24:13-53
Friday	
Psalm 1, 2 Genesis 1 John 1:1-28	Psalm 3, 4 Galatians 1 Luke 2:8-21
Saturday	
Psalm 5,6 Genesis 2 John 1:29-51	Psalm 7 Jeremiah 1 Galatians 2
Sunday	
Psalm 9 Genesis 3 John 2	Psalm 10 Jeremiah 2 Galatians 3

Happy Birthday!

December 28 Vivian Manwaring
January 1 Charles Mabula

Happy Anniversary!

December 31 Bruce and Lin Layman

What's Going on at Good Shepherd...

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting Schedule

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

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

Feb 5-7 - Arrowhead Winter Retreat & Service Project

Feb 7 - No Youth Group (Arrowhead Weekend)

Current Mission Group Meeting Locations:

Vestal Eastside

Leader: Ben Murphy

Host: The Murphys

Time: Mondays @ 6:30pm

Location: 3109 Burriss, Apt 4, Vestal, NY

Binghamton Southside

Leaders: Carrie Nelson and Jonathan Groves

Host: Kariah Manwaring

Time: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd.

Binghamton, NY 13903

Binghamton Westside

Leaders: Tyler Van Fossen and Liz Hull

Host: The Van Fossens

Time: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 65 Beethoven St. Binghamton, NY

Vestal 4-Corners

Leader: Chris Emmons

Host: The Emmons

Time: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: 3105 King St., Endicott, NY

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.

Christmas Week Schedule Changes

All bible studies and Shepherd's Bowl meals are cancelled but will resume next week.

The Kennedy Family will be taking a much needed vacation for the next week. Please feel free to contact Tyler, Jonathan, or the office if you need anything.

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

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

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

How About a Constitutional? (Body) (a walk or other mild exercise taken for the benefit of one's health) It's cold outside, and we've all been feasting on 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).

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

He Shall Feed His Flock

Processional

Of The Father's Love Begotten

The people stand and face the procession

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people stand, if able

Celebrant For unto us a child is born.

People **To us a son is given.**

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 Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,

and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:12-20

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion.
13 For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
 and has blessed your children within you.
14 He makes peace in your borders *
 and fills you with the finest of wheat.
15 He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool *
 and scatters the white frost like ashes.
17 He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
 who is able to abide his frost?
18 He sends out his word, and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
19 He declares his word unto Jacob, *
 his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20 He has not dealt so with other nations; *
 neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and

female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The people stand facing the procession

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

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

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through

Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Mr. Jonathan Groves

The Nicene Creed

The people stand, if able

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

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

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

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

The Confession of Sin

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

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking

most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

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

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

~1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Offertory

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

**If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. There is an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a PayPal account.*

If you choose to give via [PayPal](#) you can avoid fees by paying directly from your bank. Be sure to uncheck the box that says, "paying for goods and services" at the bottom or paypal will charge Good Shepherd a fee. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

Offertory Music

The Presentation of the Gifts

The People Stand

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is just and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and say

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

Celebrant and People say together

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

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

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

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

The Agnus Dei

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

People **have mercy on us.**

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

People **have mercy on us.**

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

People **grant us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

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

The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Gesù Bambino

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant and People

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

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever and ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The people stand if able and sing



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Pastoral Symphony

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

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

Acknowledgements

Cover Image

“Adoration of the Magi” by Bartolo di Fredi

This is a faithful photographic reproduction of a two-dimensional, public domain work of art. Such reproductions are in the public domain in the United States. This work is in the public domain because copyright term of life of the author plus 100 years or less has been exceeded.

It can be found at this web address:

< http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bartolo_di_Fredi_-_Adoration_of_the_Magi.jpg >

Scripture and Liturgy

All Liturgy is from The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments with Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church according to the use of the Anglican Church in North America (2019) together with The New Coverdale Psalter (A.D.2013.).

With the exception of the New Coverdale Psalter, the content of the Book of Common Prayer (2019) is not under copyright, and all not-for-profit reproduction of the content by churches and non-profit organizations is permitted. The New Coverdale Psalter is copyright © 2019 by the Anglican Church in North America, but this is not intended to discourage the use and duplication of the text by churches for purposes of worship.

Quotations of Scripture normally follow The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV®) except for the Psalms, Canticles, and citations marked with the symbol (t) which indicates traditional prayer book language. The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® is copyright © 2016 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers, and is used by permission. All rights reserved.

Music

Hymns: All hymns below are reprinted from The Hymnal, 1982 and The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, © 1985 by The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Service Music

Prelude: **“He shall feed his flock”** Composer: George Frideric Handel, Arranger: Wm. Dressler

Processional: **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Offertory: **“What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest”** Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

Communion: **“Gesù Bambino”** Pietro Yon – Public Domain

Recessional: **“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”** Words: London carol, 18th cent.; Music: God Rest You Merry, melody from Little Book of Christmas Carols, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Postlude: **“Pastoral Symphony”** Composer: George Frideric Handel, Arranger: Wm. Dressler