

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



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The Nativity of our Lord Jesus

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this evening. 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!

The Pageant

Prelude

Gesu Bambino

Introduction

The people stand and face the procession

Matthew's Begats and the Genealogy of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:1-16

Scene One: The Announcement of the Coming of Jesus

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Scene Two: The Birth of Jesus

Wexford Carol

My Heart Doth Always Wander

Scene Three: The Worship of Jesus

Glory to God in the Highest

We Three Kings

Lully Lullay

Silent Night

Welcome

Anne Kennedy

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.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

~Matthew 11:28

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 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.*

The Offertory Music

The First Nowell

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 right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

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

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and say

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to

your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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

Celebrant and People say together

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

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

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

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

The Agnus Dei

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

People *have mercy on us.*

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

People *have mercy on us.*

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

People **grant us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

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

The Invitation

Celebrant

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

Communion Music

O Come All Ye Faithful

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.*

The Recessional

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The people stand if able and face the recession

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

5
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

9
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all be brings,

13
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Son of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

17
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Dismissal

Celebrant

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carillon

Participants in Tonight's Service

Narrator	James Hull
Mary	Gwendolyn Kennedy
Joseph	Jonah Carlton
Angel of the Lord	Murielle Kennedy
Elizabeth	Emma Kennedy
Innkeeper	Annabeth Hull
Chief Shepherd	Rowan Kennedy
Herod	Seth Carlton
Star	Timothy Dreher
Shepherds	Aedan Kennedy, Talitha Pineau, Tom Dinnel
Wisemen	Jason Carlton, Patrick Carlton, Silvan Pineau Addie
Angels	Pineau, Ellie Pineau, Molly Hull, Emalyn Dinnel, Elinor Kennedy
Sheep	Evie & Piper Van Fossen
Baby Jesus	Hudson Van Fossen
Props	Anne Kennedy
Lights	Tyler Van Fossen
Doors	Jonathan Groves, Karen Carlton
Music	Michael Berman, Bob and Joyce Carlson, Kcaarin Pineau, James and Liz Hull
Celebrant	The Rev. Matt Kennedy

Thank you for worshiping at Anglican Church of The Good Shepherd this Christmas!

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Children and youth of the parish reading Matthew 1:1-16 (The Genealogy of Jesus)

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"The Angel Gabriel" Basque Carol, Words para. Sabine Baring-Gould

"The Wexford Carol" (Good people all this Christmas time) Text: Traditional Carol, possibly 12th Century Irish or English,

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"Mitt Hjerte Alltid Vanker" (My soul doth always wanter) Scandinavian Christmas Carol, translator unknown

"Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Angels we have heard on high) Traditional 18th Century French Carol, public domain

Music: GLORIA, Traditional French melody, public domain

"We three kings" Words and music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. 1857, Public Domain

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"Coventry Carol" (Lully lullay) Words: Robert Croo, Early English Carols, edited by R. L. Greene, 15th Century, from a manuscript in Cambridge University Library, English, 15th Century

Music from "Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15th Century

"Silent Night" Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) translated by John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Public Domain;

music: STILLE NACHT, melody by Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863) harmonized by Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Service Music:

Offertory: "The First Nowell" Text: Anonymous, 1833; Music: Traditional English Carol, public Domain

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Recessional "Hark, the herald angels sing" Text: Charles Wesley, altered by George Whitefield;

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, from the second chorus of Festgesang, Op 68

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