

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 AM Rite II

Join us on Facebook as we live stream this Eucharist:

www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/

Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here!

Prelude How Majestic Is Your Name Michael Smith/arr. Hayes

Welcome

Gathering Song **We Plow the Fields** **Hymnal #291**

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

Hymnal #S278

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

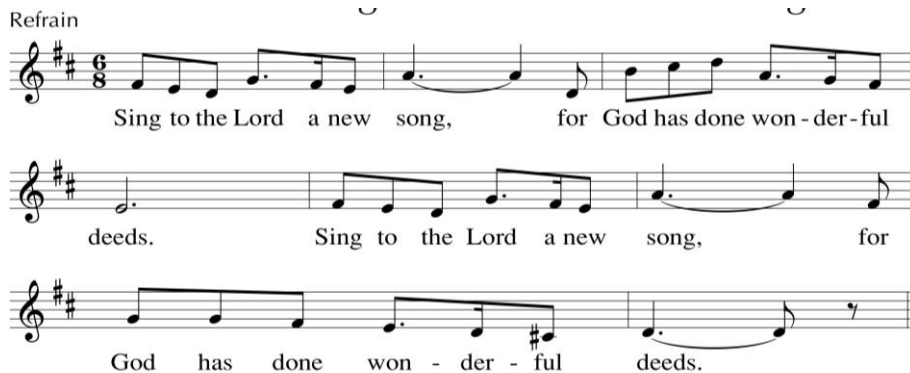
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 Sing to the Lord a New Song

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done won - der - ful
deeds. Sing to the Lord a new song, for
God has done won - der - ful deeds.

Verses

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah A. Conner

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

You may sit or kneel for the prayers

Prayers of the People

Form III BC

Leader: Let us joyfully offer our prayers to the Lord:

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Carol, our Bishops, Martha, our Regional Canon, Sarah, our Interim Priest, our Rector Search Committee, and for all the clergy and people.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Rebecca Bellistri, Jennifer Bryson, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Ruth Clogston, Joe Field, Jack Giordani, Pete Jeffrey, Gene Kilpatrick, Paul Marean, Paul Marlin, Chick Meech, Rhonda & JB Miller, Bonnie Morin, Mark Mueller, Mary Muir, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Sam Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Terry Swanson, Bill Webb, Tyler Wishart.

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

We give special thanks for those in our parish family who are celebrating birthdays this week: Elaine Grosso, Courtney Farrar, Alice Webb, Andrew Marlin, Katie Tahmaseb, Tony Silva, Barbara Brigante, Dan Hannon.

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

Give to the departed eternal rest. We remember Helen Richardson, Dorothy Smethurst, and Arthur Paradis, in whose memory the altar flowers are given; and Peter Vincent, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Presider adds a concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Easter Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

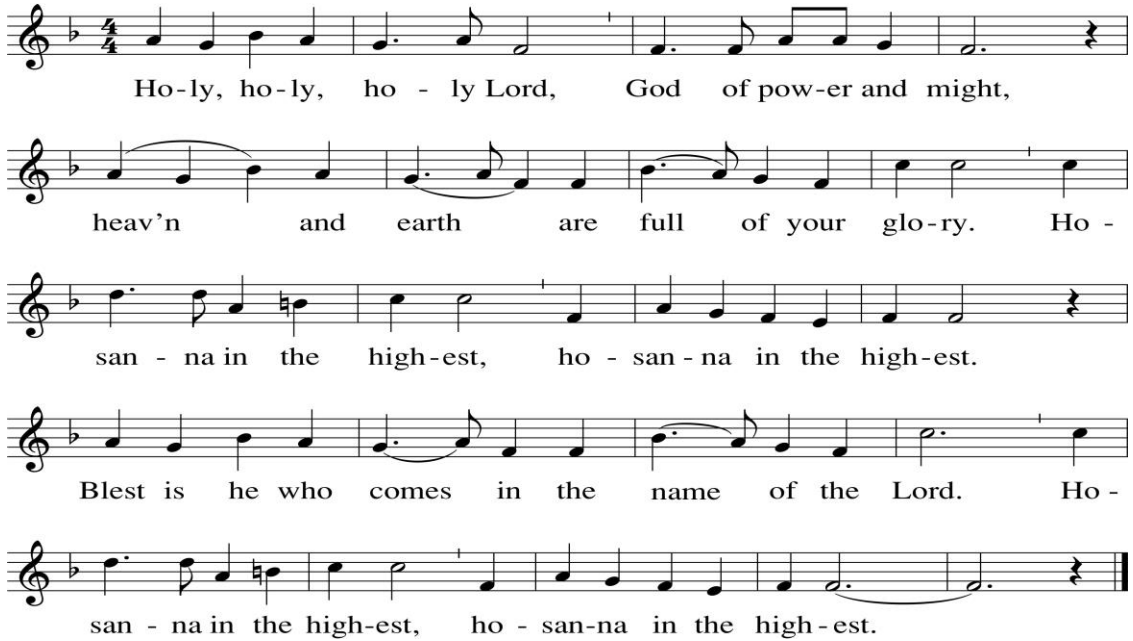
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

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.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

Communion Hymns:

Seed, Scattered and Sown

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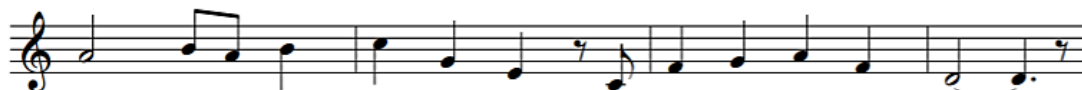
You, Lord, We Praise in Songs of Celebration

Hymnal #319

Seed, Scattered and Sown



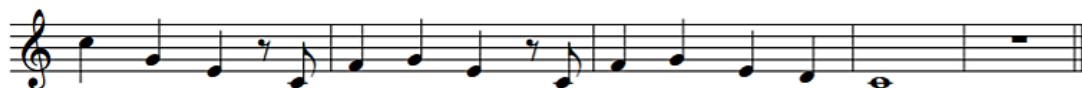
Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,



bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.



Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is



shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,



Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray
Please stand

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider: 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**

Recessional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal #405

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Domenico Zipoli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Annual Spring Auction: Our theme this year is “Take Me out to the Ballgame” – Don’t miss this fun filled evening of great fellowship, great food and fun activities! Sign-up sheet is on our bulletin board. See our flyer at the back of this bulletin for additional information.

Auction Baseball raffle.

Purchase your lucky baseball for \$20 or 6 for \$100.

Maybe you will hit a Home Run.

First prize- \$750, 2nd prize- \$250, 3rd prize- Gift Basket.

Baseballs can be purchased during coffee hour on Sundays, or you can contact the office to receive your special lucky ball number.

Home Run Derby

Buy a team for \$100. Five teams available. Winning team with most homers splits the pot with the church. Purchase team (name your own) at coffee hour or at the auction. See Spencer Dalby if you have any questions.

Reading Food Bank: Drop off on Sunday or during office hours. There is a box in front of the side altar New Needs List: Laundry Detergent, Tissues, Pancake syrup, mayonnaise, solid white tuna in water, Market Basket Gift Cards.

Bread of Life: The next in person volunteer day will be Friday, June 7, at First Baptist Church, 493 Main St., Malden (no April volunteer day). Volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Sharon and Tony Lopes at 978-710-6927, or via email, lopesantonio622@gmail.com.

Bread of Life Sponsors for May: Jane Farrar and Sarah Conner.

The Bargain Box: The Bargain Box hours are every Friday, 10am-3pm, Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays, from 9am-12pm, or during the store’s open hours. **Donations are down!** Please help us by cleaning out your closets before we close for the month of July. We are not accepting winter

clothes at this time. For more information contact Martha at jacksnana1@verizon.net or 781-944-6964. **This month our designated charity is Bread of Life.**

For Your Prayers This Week: Rebecca Bellistri, Jennifer Bryson, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Ruth Clogston, Joe Field, Jack Giordani, Pete Jeffrey, Gene Kilpatrick, Paul Marean, Paul Marlin, Chick Meech, Rhonda & JB Miller, Bonnie Morin, Mark Mueller, Mary Muir, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Sam Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Terry Swanson, Bill Webb, Tyler Wishart.

Birthdays this Week: Elaine Grosso, Courtney Farrar, Alice Webb, Andrew Marlin, Katie Tahmaseb, Tony Silva, Barbara Brigante, Dan Hannon

Book of Remembrance: Flora Cella, Geraldine Chagnon, Fred Ward, Mary Tabor Fuller, Willis March, Carlton Parmelee, Harriet McLean, John Gosman, Robert Howard, Helen De Wolf, Violet Chaulk, Gabriel Ruscitti.

Altar Flowers: In memory of Helen M. Richardson & Dorothy Smethurst, given by Nancy & Ted Smethurst, and Arthur Paradis, given by Jacqui Paradis and family.

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Peter Vincent, given by Mary Vincent.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery*
St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln, St. Paul's Church, Natick, Trinity Chapel, Shirley, St. Mark's Church, Southborough, Congregations: Acolytes.

Today's Lay Ministers in Liturgy: Lector: Leslie McGovern; Ushers: Petra Conboy, Bill Phelan; Altar Guild: Ruby Cox; Flower Delivery: Dave Heron, Lynda Hersey; Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Lopes

Medical Emergency: *If there is a medical emergency during worship, please notify one of our ushers. An AED is located in the hallway, and they have a phone available to dial 911*



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2024 ANNUAL AUCTION

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
MAY 18, 2024

95 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867

Potluck & Concession Stand 6-7PM – LIVE AUCTION 7-9PM

Activities: Wine Raffle – Winner takes all!
Cobalt Creations Boutique
Mock Baseball game

Raffle: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Get your baseball and hit a home run!
\$20 per baseball or 6 baseballs for \$100!



1st Prize \$750, 2nd Prize \$250, 3rd Prize Gift Basket

How can you help?



Donate auction items or services.
Sign up to bring an appetizer,
Main course or dessert. Join us!

For additional information, contact the church office at 781-944-1572 or
Email at office@goodshepherdreading.org or our auction chair, Susan
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