

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:00 AM Rite II

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

The Willow Tree

Judy Lane

Welcome

Gathering Song Hymnal #645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Read in Unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

(King James Version)

Second Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen!”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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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 10:22-30*

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mr. Robert Christian

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.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our Bishop; Greg, 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. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give special thanks for those in our parish family who are celebrating birthdays this week: Dan Hannon, Jack Marlin, Bob Stasonis, Sean DuRoss, Kyle DuRoss, Leslie McGovern, and those celebrating anniversaries this week, Jack & Karen Marlin, and for the joy of Mairead, Caileen and Ian. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. We remember Joseph & Helen Concannon, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and deceased members of the Church of the Good Shepherd, 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 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Howard Helvey

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.**

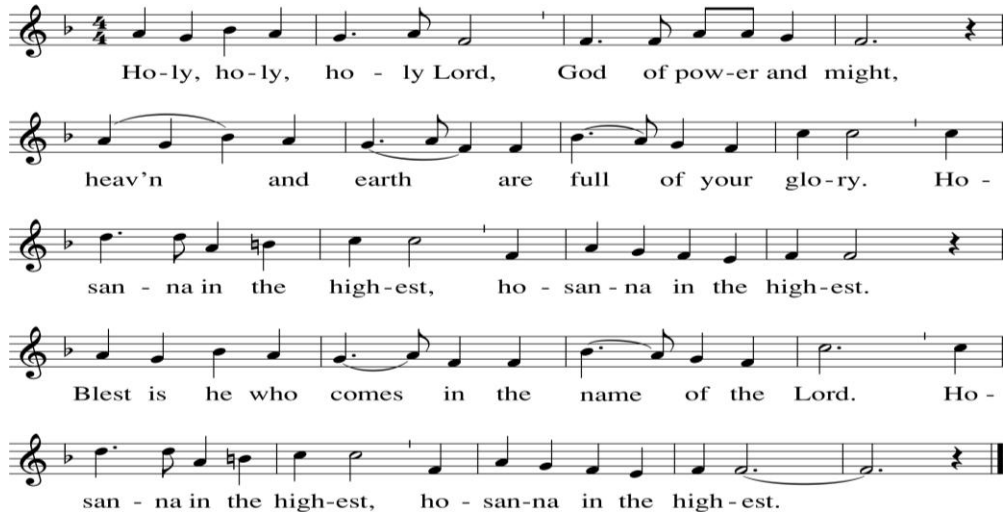
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 for ever 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.

The musical notation is on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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.

The musical notation is on a single staff in common time (C) with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a slur over the final three notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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.

Fraction

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 Music: Flute Duet: The Water Is Wide

arr. John A. Dempsey

Communion Hymn: Hymnal #708 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

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 Hymnal #691

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

An Exultant Alleluia

Lani Smith

Please join us in the church lounge for coffee hour. All are welcome!

Serving Today

Lector	Dave McDonald
Ushers	Dave & Edna McDonald
Flower Delivery	Kathy McDormand
Altar Guild	Martha Wishart
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Tim McLaughlin
Coffee hour	Elaine Grosso
Tech Guild	Shaun Neville
Special Music	Mary Ines & Paula Concannon, Flutes

This Week at Good Shepherd

Sunday, May 11	Holy Eucharist, 10am, Sanctuary
Monday, May 12	Church Office hours, 9am-1pm Friends of Seniors, 11am, Lounge
Tuesday, May 13	Vestry Meeting, 7pm, Lounge
Wednesday, May 14	Church Office hours, 9am-1pm Bargain Box Volunteers, 9-12pm
Thursday, May 15	Church Office hours, 9am-1pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 7-9pm
Friday, May 16	Bargain Box - open 10am -3pm
Saturday, May 17	Bargain Box - open 10am -1pm
Sunday, May 18	Holy Eucharist, First Communion, 10am, Sanctuary

Church School Calendar – May

May 18 Last day of church school – We celebrate our children and teachers during the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auction a Success!

“Spring Fling” Auction Committee would like to thank everyone for all the support in making this year’s auction a big success. Fun was had by all & we made \$7500.

Susan Buckley & Tony Silva ~

Last Day of Church School is May 18th

Sunday, May 18th is the last day of church school for this year. I’m so grateful to our teachers for their care and commitment, and to Jane Farrar for working with me to plan and coordinate the program. During the service that day, we will honor our teachers and celebrate our children! We’ll also recognize those children who have completed their First Communion class this spring. Please join us as we give thanks for our youngest members and those who are helping them grow in faith. ~ *Sarah*

Movie on May 18th: *My Name is Pauli Murray*

After the service on Sunday May 18th, our Community Outreach Committee will show the film *My Name is Pauli Murray*. In 1977, the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray became the first African American woman ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church; she is honored on the calendar of the Episcopal Church as a saint, someone whose life reflected the life and teachings of Jesus in an extraordinary way. Prior to her ordination, Pauli was a brilliant lawyer and activist whose work was foundational to the civil rights movement. Pauli also struggled with gender identity, and the film explores this aspect of her life as well. The film runs 90 minutes and will be shown in the lounge at 11:30 a.m. after a brief coffee hour; a light lunch will be available for those who would like to stay and watch.

Food Pantries

Food donations are shared between the North Reading Food Pantry and the Reading Food Pantry. Food donations can continue to be left on the side altar, or in the closet across from the church office. For a list of needs, see the bulletin board on the closet door, or go to their websites: **Reading food pantry: readingfoodpantry.org; North Reading Food Pantry: nrfoodpantry.org**. There is also an opportunity to deliver the donations to the food pantries. If you are interested, see the sign-up sheet on the closet door across from the church office.

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. Note: Bargain Box will be closed Memorial Day weekend. (May 23 & May 24). For more information contact Martha at jacksnana1@verizon.net or 781-944-6964. **This Month's Designated charity is Bread of Life.**

Can You Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors?

Bread of Life is a community organization in Malden that strives to end hunger through a variety of programs. We at Good Shepherd have supported their work for many years, sending volunteers to their Evening Meals Program. Volunteers serve any time from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This involves helping to prepare and serve meals; staffing the coffee table; interacting with patrons; and clean up.

As Bread of Life is now settled in their new space at 54 Eastern Ave. in Malden, there are more opportunities for volunteers going forward. In addition to first Fridays in May, June, August, October, November, and December, there are other dates available: first Tuesday of any month; Second Wednesdays of the even months (June, August, October, and December); and third Wednesdays of the odd months (May, July, September, and November).

Volunteers may go individually or set up their own group. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Maria Tiro at Maria.Tiro@breadoflifemalden.org or 781-548-9848 and arrange a time to help.

~ Sharon and Tony Lopes

For Your Prayers This Week

Our Parish prayer list: Terrence Balduc, Jennifer Bryson, Bill Brescia, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Alison Daurio, Noah DeSisto, Joe Field, Nancy Fraser, Ginny Gould, Pete Jeffrey, Leah Kiberstis, Gene Kilpatrick, Beth & Jeff Lanigan, Sharon Lopes, Paul Marean, Brian McDormand, Courtney Farrar Medeiros, Esme Grace Medeiros, Chick Meech, Jane Morris, Mark Mueller, Elaine Neville, Rachel Newton, Anne O'Sullivan, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, John Parsons, Kevin Parziale, Bill Phelan, Greg Powers, Sophie Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Liz Stasonis, Isabella Stasonis, Shirley Thompson, Timothy Thompson, Betty Ward, Bill Webb, Charles Webb, Martha Wishart, Sheila Witham.

Book of Remembrance: Gabriel Ruscitti, Rose Bentley, Alma Pendergast, Charlotte Ross Wells, Carl Marshall, Nancy Boyer Druid, Judi Kyle-Brenna, Jeannette Crouse, Margaret Wrigley.

Altar Flowers: In Memory of Joseph & Helen Concannon, given by Mary Ines, and For the joy of Mairead, Caileen, and Ian, given by Mary Vincent.

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Deceased members of the church of the Good Shepherd.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery*
Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton, St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Trinity Church, Concord, St. Andrew's Church, Framingham, Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.



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