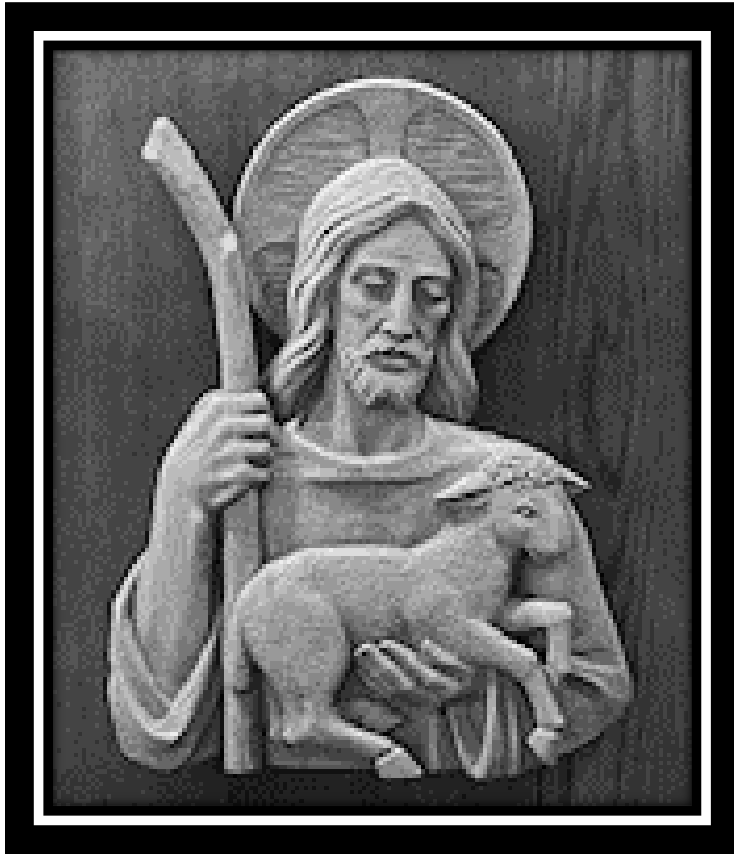


Church of The Good Shepherd

A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026

10:00 AM Rite II

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

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

The Rev. Mary Curlew

Prelude Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

Crüger/Shackley

Gathering Hymn: Hymnal #1 Father, We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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

Refrain

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est!

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! And peace to his peo-ple on earth!

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
3. 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, of God the Father.

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Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

**My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”, and
“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

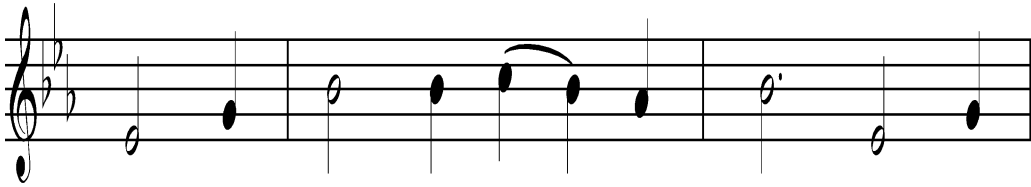
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 487 Come my Way, my Truth

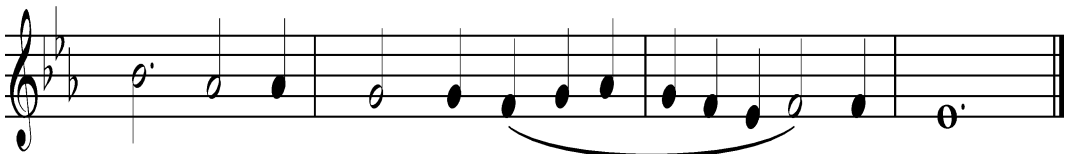
Before: vs. 1-2, After: vs. 3



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Curlew

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.**

Prayers of the People

BCP Form VI

You may sit or kneel for the prayers

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our Bishop; Ian and Mary, our Assisting Bishops; Mary, our Rector; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and for those celebrating birthdays this week: Elaine Grosso, Alice Webb, Tony Silva, and Barbara Brigante, and those celebrating anniversaries this week: Claude and Elaine Grosso.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Helen M. Richardson, Dorothy Smethurst, and Arthur Paradis, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and Peter Vincent and Caroline McDonald, in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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: Built on the Rock

Lindeman/Shackley

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

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for
us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and
ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and
love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal
home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we
worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People
Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

First Invocation



Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Invocations



1. Bread of life and sav - ing cup,
2. King of kings and Lord of lords, you take a - way the
3. Lov - ing Sav - ior, Prince of peace,



sins of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Last Invocation



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

Presider: 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.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at our table. The ushers will invite you to come forward down the center aisle where you will be offered a communion wafer. Please let the person serving know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, please come forward and simply cross your arms at your chest to receive a blessing.

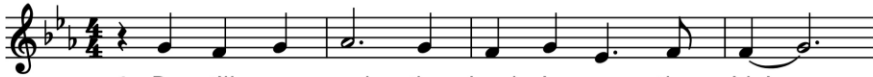
Communion Solo: O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod

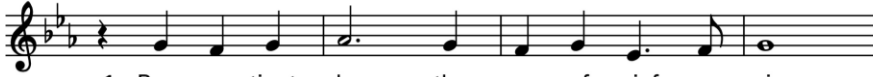
Alice Hannon and Elaine Grosso

Communion Hymn: Be Still My Soul

Finlandia



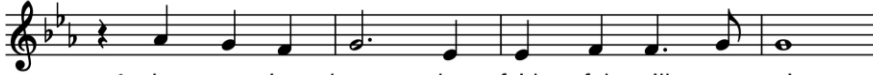
1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

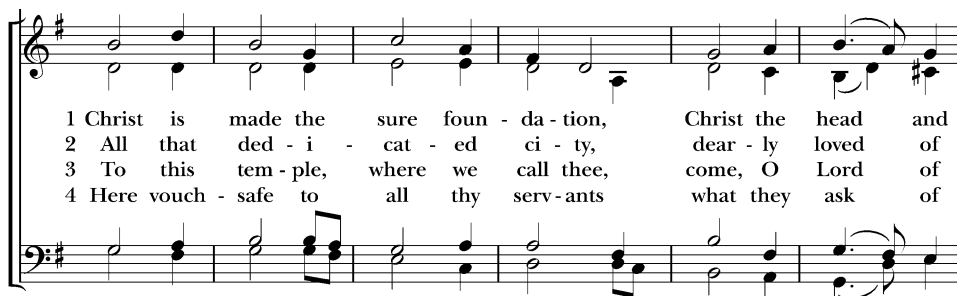
Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray
Please stand

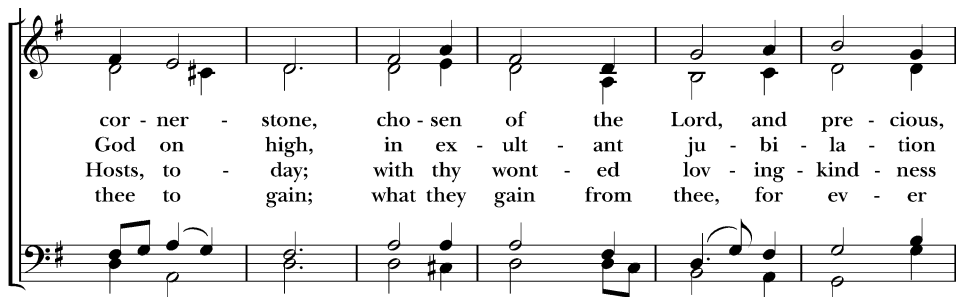
People: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional: Hymnal #518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



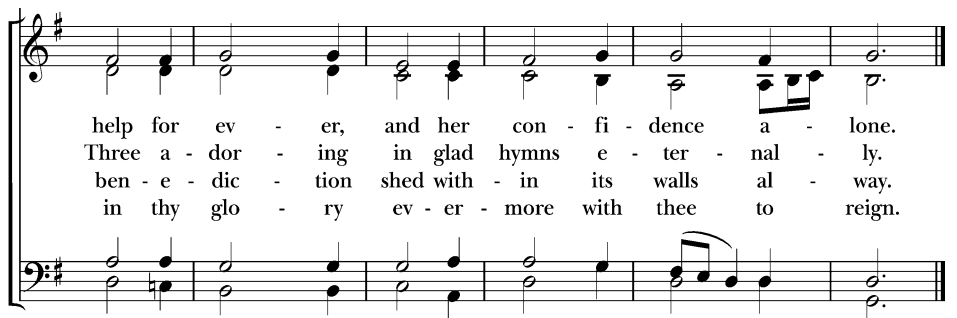
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Berechiah's Bagatelle

Richard Lloyd

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

Serving Today

Lector	Bev Sorrentino
Lay Minister	Barbara Luddy
Ushers	Karen McFadden, Lynda Hersey
Flower Delivery	Dave Heron & Lynda Hersey
Altar Guild	Linda Daurio
Tech Guild	Dave Heron
Coffee hour	Susan Buckley, Susan Eis

CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT CGS

Sunday School Schedule

May 3	Sunday School, 10am, Classroom
May 17	Sunday School, 10am, Classroom - Last day of Sunday School
May 31	Bishop Visit and Blessing of the Sunday School year.

Bread of Life

On April 14, 4 parishioners helped serve 98 eat-in and take-out dinners to appreciative guests. Our next visit is May 12. Details to follow. In the meantime, BOL is looking for empty egg cartons as well as jugs of unsweetened iced tea and pure (no sugar added) fruit juices. Look for the BOL box in the lounge. Thanks for your help.
~Gayle Richardson

CGS Spring Auction – “*Under the Sea!*”

The Auction plans are well underway! This is an incredible event, and we hope you will all attend. As well as a great evening of fun and fellowship, it's an important fundraising event in our church life. We hope you can all join us. See the bulletin board for more information and to sign up to attend.

Bargain Box

TOY BLOWOUT! During the Month of May, all toys will be half-price at the Bargain Box. Shop for every child you know, save money, and help support Good Shepherd and Bread of Life, May's recipient of our monthly donation. ~Gayle Richardson

Episcopal City Mission

Join Episcopal City Mission, EDOM's Racial Justice Commission and the Reparations Interfaith Coalition for Sacred Reckonings, a powerful two-day in-person gathering on May 16 and May 17, each day from 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Natick, Massachusetts. This conference invites faith communities and individuals to explore the spiritual, relational, and material dimensions of reparations—and to begin (or deepen) the work of repair in your community. Learn from experienced trainers who've guided faith communities across the country and leave with practical tools to lead courageous conversations. If you are interested in joining Rev. Mary at this conference, please let her know as soon as possible.

This week at CGS

Sunday, May 3	Holy Eucharist, 10am, Sanctuary Church School, 10am, Sunday School Room
Tuesday, May 5	Executive Committee, 7pm, via zoom
Wednesday, May 6	Bargain Box volunteers, 9am-11am Gathering and Prayer group, 7pm, via zoom
Thursday, May 7	Choir Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary
Friday, May 8	Bargain Box open, 10am-3pm
Saturday, May 9	Bargain Box open, 10am-1pm
Sunday, May 10	Holy Eucharist, 10am, Sanctuary

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**please call ahead to book an appointment*

For Your Prayers This Week

Our Parish Prayer List: Joe Appleyard, Terrence Balduc, Anne Bennett, Jennifer Bryson, Barbara Carney, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Caroline Chappell, Chen-Paradis Family, Ruth Clogston, Ruby Cox, Jake Dagastino, Alison Daurio, Margaret Enderle, Joe Field, Ashley Fitch, Ginny Gould, Sam Hart, Justine Kelly, Michael Kelly, Izzy Keyes, Leah Kiberstis, Gene Kilpatrick, Beth and Jeff Lanigan, Sharon Lopes, Paul Marean, Paul Marlin, Chick Meech, Mark Mueller, Elaine Neville, Rachel Newton, Anne O'Sullivan, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Theo Pritz, Jim Regan, Peter Salamanca, Antonio Santos, Jennifer Sorrentino, Liz Sorrentino, Shirley Thompson, Timothy Thompson, Betty Ward, Bill Webb, Charles Webb, Amy Wishart, Martha Wishart.

Book of Remembrance: Richard Basteri, James Boyle, Flora Cella, Geraldine Chagnon, Fred Ward, Mary Tabor Fuller, Russell Harron, Willis March, Carlton Parmelee, Harriet McLean, John Gosman, Robert Howard.

Altar Flowers: In Memory of Helen M Richardson and 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, and Caroline McDonald, given by Dave & Edna McDonald.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer *Churches of the Charles River Deanery*

Trinity Parish of Newton Center, Newton Centre

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban (Newton)

St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley

Allston Abbey, Boston

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