

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

May 18, 2025 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ's love known to others



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Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

Welcome, and thank you for worshiping with us today, whether you are doing so on-site or online. At Good Shepherd, we welcome you as you are, with all your joys, fears, doubts, and questions, with no strings or agendas. We welcome you for where you've been, with all the gifts and hurts you've received from other places and people in your life. God loves you ... no matter what. We welcome you into a community. We pray together. We gather every week to look and listen for God at work, to refuel for daily life, and to go back out to serve the world. In addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we have been offering a variety of other online opportunities to connect—for people of all ages.

- Our website: goodshepherdfw.org.
- Our YouTube page: tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube.
- Sign up for *The Shepherd's Crook*, our weekly newsletter, at **tinyurl.com/goodshepemails**.
- To go even deeper, join Realm, our online community of worshipers: onrealm.org/goodshepfw.
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.

Recording and Streaming in Use

Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our 10:30 worship service, and that the resulting content is being transmitted online. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the worship space or on Zoom, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area toward the back of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the <u>Puyallup</u> (<u>puyallup-tribe.com</u>) and <u>Coast Salish People</u>, who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

How can you make this Land Acknowledgment more than a performative gesture? Go to the tribe's news website (https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/) and sign up for their newsletter. Notice what issues are important to the Puyallup people and decide how you can begin to forge a learning relationship.

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two The Liturgy of the Word

At the 8:00 service, we skip all musical portions or, where indicated, read the text of them.

Processional Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (vv. 1, 3-5) (The Hymnal 1982 #205)



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The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

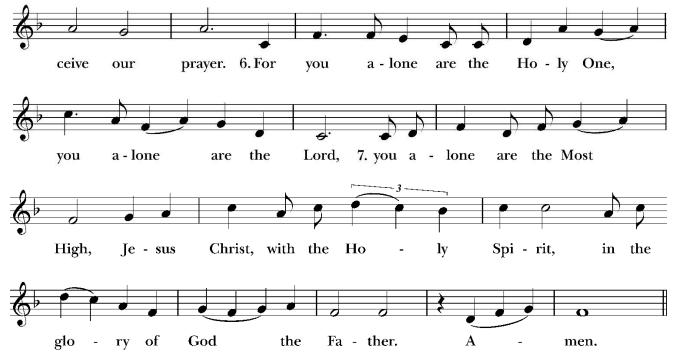
The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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 (The Hymnal #S-280)

At the 8:00 service, we speak the text instead of singing it.





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The 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.**

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week usually include one from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm; one from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures; and a reading from one of the four Gospels, the accounts of the life of Jesus.

First Lesson (Acts 11:1–18)

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and

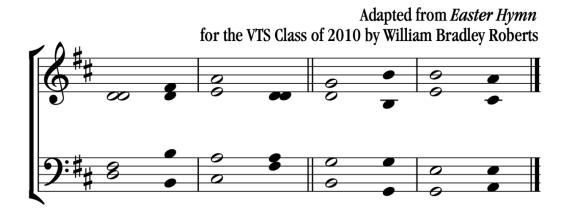
it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

... Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text of the psalm as follows: Let us pray the psalm responsively by verse.

At 10:30, the congregation is invited to sing along with the cantor or choir.



1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

- 5 Let them praise the Name of the **Lord**; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the **earth**, *
 you sea-monsters and all **deeps**;
 8 Fire and hail, snow and **fog**, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his **will**;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all **cattle**, * creeping things and winged **birds**;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all **peoples**, * princes and all rulers of the **world**;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the **Lord**, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and **heaven**.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal **servants**, * the children of Israel, a people who are **near him**.

 Hallelujah!

Second Lesson (Revelation 21:1–6)

Lector: A reading from the Revelation to John.

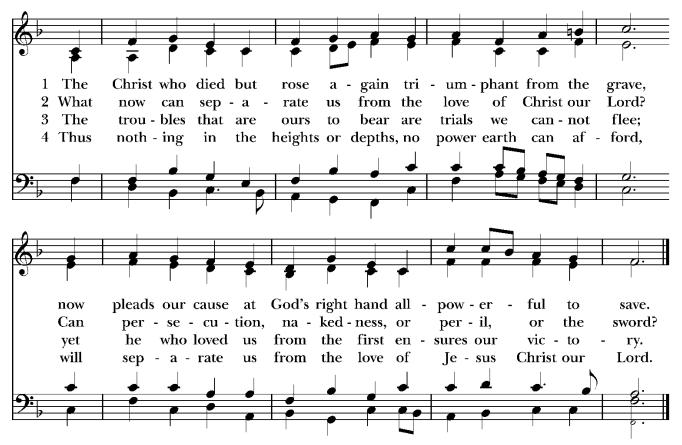
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

... Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: The Christ Who Died but Rose Again (The Hymnal 1982 #447)



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The Gospel (John 13:31-35)

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (The Rev. Josh Hosler)

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our Spotify podcast.

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands as able. This statement of belief dates from the 4^{th} century. Here we use it as a prayer. In our post-Enlightenment times, it is helpful to think of the word "believe" not as meaning merely "I intellectually assent," but rather, "I place my trust."

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.

The Prayers of the People

Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the **Prayer List** and the **Prayer Chain**.

Prayer List: To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact the Rev. Josh Hosler at rector@goodshepherdfw.org. A link to this list can be found in the Shepherd's Crook email.

Prayer Chain: To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at alisajohnson@hotmail.com.

Deacon or Priest: O Risen Christ, meet us at your empty tomb. Baffle and astound us with your love, most especially in the places we would never dream of seeing you. Invite us live our whole lives as a prayer, that when we see you again in all your glory, we will know you by the sound of your voice.

Intercessor: We pray for your church throughout the world. Gather us back together in your love, reorienting us to the ways of self-giving and reconciliation that it is the church's mission to share with the world. We praise God for being at work in the lives of those who were confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at Cathedral Day, especially our own **Maggie Monaghan**. In this week's cycles of prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd's diocesan convention delegates and alternates; for St. John's, Gig Harbor, Faith, Poulsbo, and St. Andrew's, Port Angeles; and for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ, *People:* For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for our nation, a troubled place struggling to remember its highest ideals. Where we have splintered into factions, reassemble us into a people eager to share generously the bounty of which we are capable. Where we have hardened ourselves in fear and given ground to the forces of cruelty, call us to repentance, that all who live here can be welcomed and celebrated.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for our world, your first gift of joy and wonder to all your earthly creatures. In a time of dryness and disillusionment, reenchant us, that in eagerness we may respect the dignity of every human being and gladly give of ourselves that all may thrive in the glory of your love.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for our community of Federal Way and all the communities from which we hail. In a transient society of lost and isolated people, help us reidentify as those who depend on one another to share fulfillment and happiness. Give us good work to do, that we may serve the common good with joy.

Pause for additional prayers

Intercessor: Sanctify us in truth, O Christ,

People: For your word is truth.

Intercessor: We pray for those who suffer and those in any need or trouble, including those here among us today.

The Deacon or Priest shares the names of those on our prayer list and invites additional names.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died, trusting that for them now, there is no more appropriate word than "Hallelujah."

The Deacon or Priest shares the names of those who have died and invites additional names.

Intercessor: Just as you returned from the grave to reassure your friends, O Christ, send us out to reengage in community and bear one another's burdens, that in you all our grief and despair may be healed ...

Sanctify us in truth, O Christ, *People:* **For your word is truth.**

Presider: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

A Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin[s] another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us. In thanksgiving for the offering of his life, we bring the fruits of our labor to invest in one another and in the world.

The congregation may be seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.



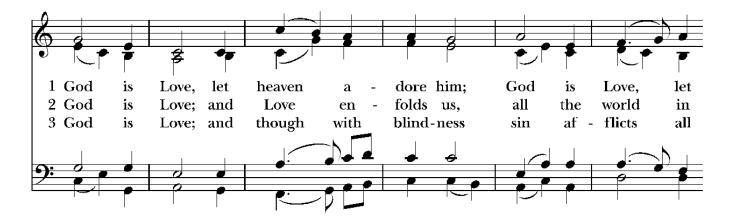
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On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in

immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small.

Offertory Hymn: God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (The Hymnal 1982 #379)



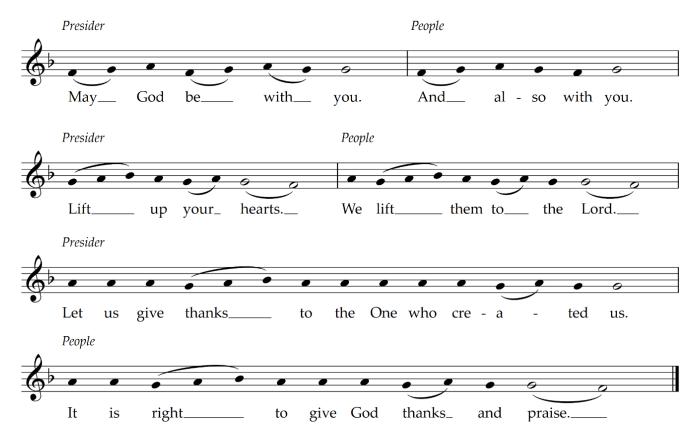


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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C (expansive language)



Presider: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

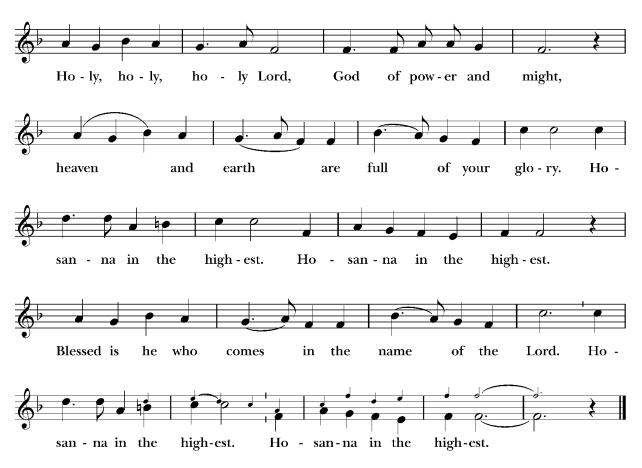
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Hymnal #S-125)



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Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *People:* We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Presider: Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer

At 8:00:

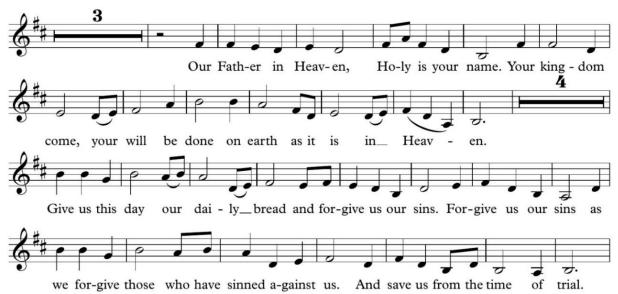
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

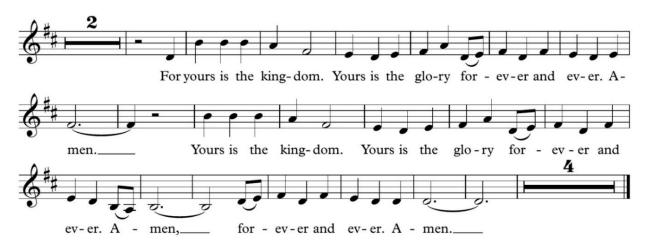
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

At 10:30:





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The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

At 10:30:

Fraction Anthem: Goodness is Stronger than Evil (*Gather 3* #528) Sung twice through



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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.

Holy Communion is Christians' weekly participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, so it properly flows from the vows made at our baptism. Even so, all are invited to the table: the baptized of any Christian denomination who have committed to follow Jesus Christ, and any guests at Jesus' table. If you are not baptized and would like to begin to explore the possibility, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

If you require gluten-free bread, tell the priest when he comes to you and it will be provided. To abstain from Holy Communion, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer that the priest bless you. In addition, it has always been our understanding that those who receive communion in only one kind (bread or wine) have received communion in the fullest sense.

Communion Music: Love One Another (Worship 4 #693)





Verses

- 1. God loved the world so much he sent us his only son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
- 2. Since God has given his love to us, therefore let us love one another. If we love one another, God will love us, and live in us in perfect love.
- 3. Ev'ryone who loves is begotten of God and knows him as the Father. But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.
- 4. Let not your hearts be troubled, for love has no room for fear. In love all fear is forgotten, for God is here with us.
- 5. God is love, and they who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them.

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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot be with us on-site to receive Holy Communion may wish to add this private prayer:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united with you and with the Body of Christ. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and to your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me; may I live and die in your love. Amen.

Sending Out Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to some who could not attend in person today, this prayer follows at the end of Holy Communion. Please stand as able.

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

The congregation stands as able.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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 Easter Blessing

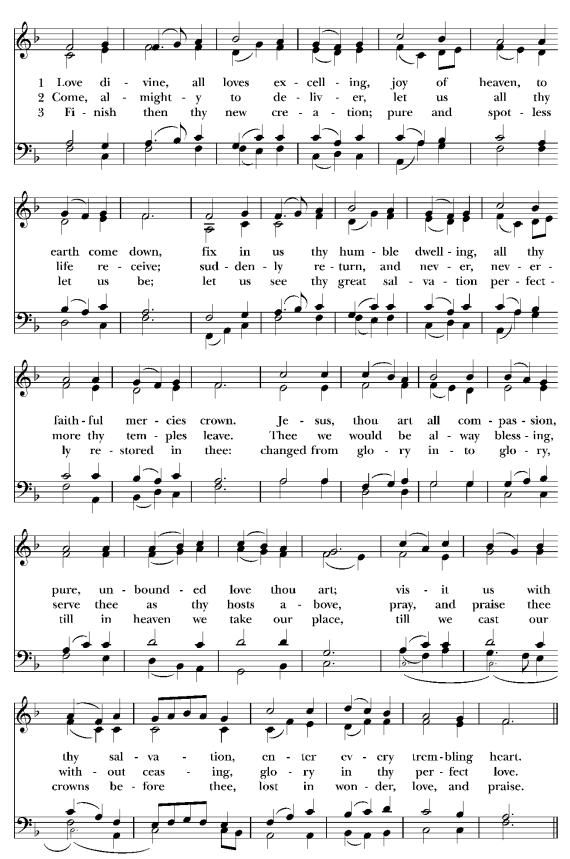
Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (The Hymnal 1982 #657)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

At this point our livestream ends. Those in the Zoom room may remain for "online coffee hour." Coffee, snacks, and ongoing conversation are available after the 10:30 service in Seaman Hall. You can get there by going down the stairs at the rear of the worship space or by walking around the front of the building down a gently sloping path through the garden.

What's Happening at Good Shepherd?

Because our service leaflet is posted on the Web for all to see, we don't print here parishioners' personal contact information. Members of Good Shepherd are given a printed parish directory. If you'd like to participate in something but don't know how to contact the appropriate person, please contact the church office at office@goodshepherdfw.org.

Thursday Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd, in the admin building's Gathering Room, join us for group Bible study. Come hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest in a sharing community. There is no homework. Questions? Contact **the Rev. Josh Hosler.**

Thanksgiving and Celebration of Life for Debbie Foster

Friday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd

Join us as we remember and celebrate the life of Good Shepherd member Debbie Foster. A reception will follow in Seaman Hall.

Facilities Work Parties

May 24, June 21, July 26, and August 23, 9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd

The Facilities Committee invites you to attend any and all of its upcoming work parties, and join in maintaining and beautifying our church grounds. A variety of tasks, indoors and outdoors, are typically available. Questions? Contact Jane Hughes.

Eve of the Ascension

Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

The Ascension is one of the most important and least understood aspects of Christian theology. The Risen Christ appeared in mysterious ways for a time, and then he dramatically disappeared. What does this mean for us now? Join us for this special evening worship service.

Faith 4 Pride: Special Sunday Service

Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd

As Pride month begins, we offer a service of welcome and celebration of LGBTQ+ people. On this day, Good Shepherd joins with many other faith communities to lift up those who have been persecuted by the church for far too long. Spread the word, and bring friends. A portion of the service will be dedicated to blessing objects that are spiritually valuable to you—and blessing people who ask for special prayers. Questions? Contact the Rev. Josh Hosler.

Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

Are you interested in serving at the altar during the Eucharist or taking communion to those that are unable to attend church? This event is for those wishing to become licensed Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, or to renew their existing license. Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors must be 16 years of age or older, received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church, and recommended by the Rector. If interested, please contact Mary Aronen, the Rev. Anna Lynn, or the Rev. Josh Hosler.

Discussion: The Use and Future of Our Woods

Sunday, June 8 after coffee hour at the 10:30 service

As we look towards the future of our congregation and plan for long-term sustainability, the question of how best to include the wooded property to the southwest of the sanctuary has arisen. We are holding a congregational discussion where you can present your current thoughts about these wooded areas. If you are unable to attend, you may share your thoughts with Pastor Josh or any member of the Finance Committee. Questions? Contact **Mary Aronen.**

Good Shepherd Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership

The Rev. Josh Hosler, Rector (rector@goodshepherdfw.org)

The Rev. Dr. Roy McLuen, Priest Associate

The Rev. Anna Lynn, Deacon (anna@goodshepherdfw.org)

Alan Lynch, Director of Music (alan@goodshepherdfw.org)

Evan Hershman, Parish Administrator (office@goodshepherdfw.org)

Robbie Gilchrist, Bookkeeper (bookkeeper@goodshepherdfw.org)

Karen White, Senior Warden

Judith Perkins, Junior Warden

Bill Gillanders, Treasurer (treasurer@goodshepherdfw.org)

Beth Shoemaker, Assistant Treasurer

Mary McClellan Aronen, Ministry Coordinator

Today's Service Ministers

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler Deacon: The Rev. Anna Lynn Organist/Pianist: Alan Lynch Cantor: Betsy Grabinski

May 18	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Dina Johnson, Bob Neal
Zoom Usher		Gay Neal
Worship Assistant	Shannon Molina	
On-Site Ushers		Linda Butcher, Tracie Manolides
First Lector	Shannon Molina	Alisa Kincade
Second Lector/Intercessor	Roberta Kelly	Lady Bridget Akparanta
Eucharistic Minister		Anna Lynn, Carole Loudenback
Altar Guild		Sherri Jarvey
Flowers		Linda Butcher
Counters		Mary Aronen, Dina Johnson
Coffee Hour		Lady Bridget Akparanta, Fellowship Team
Vestry Person of the Month (Lockup)		Mary Aronen

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