

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025
10:00 am, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

Visitors Welcome! We're glad to have you worship with us. If you'd like to learn more about this community of faith and our different ministries, fill out one of our visitor cards (in the pews) and hand it to an usher.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

My Jesus, Thou Who Hast Chosen Me Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
Stephen Ackert, *Guest Organist*

OPENING HYMN All my hope on God is founded *Michael* **Hymn No 665**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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 Glory to God Robert Powell (b. 1932) **Hymnal S-280**

(Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” are found in the front of the hymnal.)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Reader: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11

Celebrant and the People read responsively by half verse.

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- ² My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- ³ I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- ⁴ Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- ⁵ The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- ⁶ We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- ⁷ For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- ⁸ In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
- ⁹ For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹⁰ Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- ¹¹ Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-11

Reader: A reading from Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN In Christ there is no east or west *McKee* **Hymn № 529**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Locke

Please stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Jeanne, Dale, Dean, Mike, Klara, Glenn, Doug, Evelyn, Richard, Patrick, Katrina, Ruthee, Don, Kurtis, Cory, Jacob, Kathleen, Greg, Arleen, George, Pat, Habib, Jack, Peggy, Susan, Vera, Pat, Pat, Sperry, Megan, Mona, Robin, Bobby, Paul, Jesse and Ed, Charlotte, Patti, Skye, Missy, Constantine, Yevgeniya, Jennifer, Gail; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Sally, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Voluntary on *Old Hundredth*

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)



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THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Hymn N^o 380 (*vs.* 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Please stand as you are able.

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers the proper preface which celebrates God's action in the world for this season.

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 Holy, holy, holy Lord Robert Powell (b. 1932) **Hymnal S-129**

Celebrant and People sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

THE FRACTION

Celebrant and People say

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

You may either take communion by intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) or you may drink from the common cup. Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Larghetto from Serenade for Strings

Antonin Dvorak (1841–1904)

THE SENDING

(When lay eucharistic visitors are present)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation we 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 all share one bread, one cup.**

With this prayer we joyfully send our lay eucharistic visitors to take communion to people who are not able to be with us today due to health or other infirmity.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

*A blessing is offered and the people respond **Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us *Dulce carmen* Hymn № 559

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in A Minor

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Altar Flowers

*Given to the glory of God &
in loving memory of Lewis Brantley
by Allan & Fran Wulbern.*

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Weekly Calendar

Office Hours by Appointment Only from August 8 to August 15.

Regular hours resume on Monday, August 18.

Tuesday, August 5th

11:30 am EWES Lunch in the Courtyard (Weather Location: Craig Lounge)

Wednesday, August 6th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study in Craig Lounge

5:30 pm Evening Prayer in Chapel

Thursday, August 7th

9:00 am Lay Weeders Workday in Courtyard

Saturday, August 9th

9:00 am Lay Weeders Workday in Parking Lot

Sunday, August 10th *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in Chapel

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Nave *with Blessing of the Backpacks*

11:20 am "Being With": Session #7 (Cross) in Parish Office



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