

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 – 10:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Voluntary *Chorale Prelude on Rockingham*

C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #379*

Abbot's Leigh

“God is Love, let heaven adore him”

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

The Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 #390 vv. 1, 4

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 181

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Lesson

The People sit.

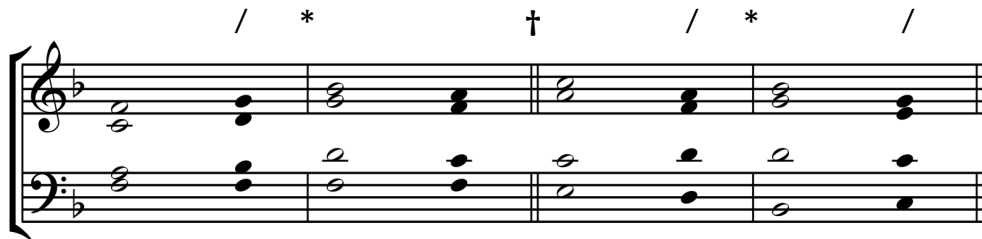
Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo*



- 1 Sing with joy to God our / strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of / Jacob.
- 10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and / said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will / fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my / voice, *
and Israel would not o/bey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their / hearts, *
to follow their own de/vices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to / me! *
that Israel would walk in my / ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their / enemies *
and turn my hand against their / foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe be/fore him, *
and their punishment would last for / ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest / wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the / rock.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to

God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

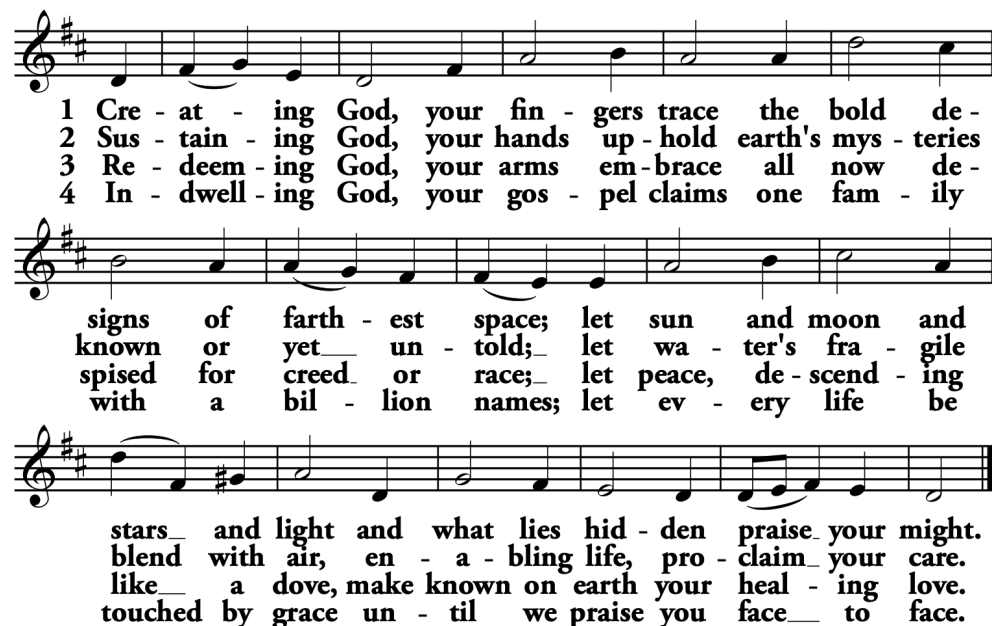
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

The people stand.

Rockingham



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily

signs of farth - est space; let sun and moon and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing
with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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The Gospel *Standing*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The People sit.

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 Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

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

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer 331

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel.

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

The Celebrant stands and adds an absolution.

The Peace *The people stand.*

The Book of Common Prayer 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Panis angelicus*

César Franck (1822-1890)

Matthew McGinnis, *tenor*

*The bread of angels is made bread for humankind; the bread of heaven puts an end to figures;
Oh miraculous thing! The poor, the servile, the humble, feeds on the Lord.*

The ushers collect the offering. Your generosity supports the ministries & work of this parish.

The People stand as the Offering is presented, at the conclusion of the Offertory Anthem.

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)

The Book of Common Prayer 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee, and saying,

“Holy, holy, holy” *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982 #S 114

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

By whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

“Our Father” *The Lord’s Prayer*

The Book of Common Prayer 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

“O Lamb of God” *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982 S 158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

The Presentation and Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.

During the Administration of the Sacrament

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #339*

Schmücke dich

“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 339

Celebrant and People, kneeling

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The people stand for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #665 The People Stand.*

Michael

“All my hope on God is founded”

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Gavotte*

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Parish Notes for The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lemonade on the Lawn – Please join us on the Good Shepherd Green with today's host(s) **Alison Weldon**

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Lemonade on the Lawn Follows
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:45 PM	Midweek Eucharist Resumes

Autumn ROTA – Please sign up to serve on Sundays at the 10AM Choral Eucharist or 5:30PM for our Celtic Eucharist. Sign up electronically by following the LINK in our weekly email or during Coffee Hour.

* Acolyte	* Lector/ Usher	* Subdeacon
* Intercessor	* A/V Technician	

Altar Flowers sign-up Chart for 2025 is available in the Common Room.

Adult Forum September Series: Families, Communities & Culture

Sept 7 *Raising Grounded Children in a Culture of Abundance*

Sept 14 *Intentional Goals-based Parenting Amid the Busyness*
with Covie Edwards-Pitt

Sept 21 *Joyful Parenting in an Anxious Age* with Allie Baker

Sept 28 *Social AI and Thriving Communities* with Jonathan Teubner

2025/2026 Coffee Hour – Please sign up to host Coffee Hour one Sunday during the 2025/2026 school year. Information about hosting and a sign-up form were sent out via e-mail. Please fill out the form (link in the week's email) to note your availability and preferences. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Callie Emery at callieemery@gmail.com or the parish office.

Christian Ed and Blessing of the Backpacks – Christian Education programs resume Sunday, September 7. Students and teachers are especially welcome to bring backpacks, briefcases, and other school totes for a blessing at the 10AM Eucharist, and children will be presented with a special gift. Coffee hour follows, with breakfast tacos for children, ice cream, face painting, shell painting, & more!

Music Minute – The organ voluntary before the service today is a “chorale prelude,” that is, an organ setting of a congregational hymn tune. Though most closely associated with German composers of the early 18th century, especially J.S. Bach, this kind of composition was explored by composers from many times and places. C.H.H. Parry's prelude on *Rockingham* (the tune we sing today at the Sequence) places the tune in the tenor range, where it plods along slowly on our organ's warm Principal stop while the right hand and pedal parts add lyrical, harmonic, and rhythmic richness. Curiously, Parry chose to repeat the opening five notes of the tune, sounding this time in the soprano register, to close the piece.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Gene Wayne – Lector/Usher; **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Subdeacon; **Rachel Teubner** – Chalice Bearer; **James Oldfield** – Intercessor; **Matthew Harris** – AV Tech; **Ella Teubner and James Weldon III** – Acolyte; **Barbara Wood** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. James Weldon – Celebrant
Dr. Rachel Teubner – Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Kevin Vetiak, Priest Associate
Dr. James C. Apgar, Organist/Choirmaster
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