

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 - 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323



Christ the True Vine (20th century), Dormition Convent, Parnes, Greece

Voluntary *Préambule*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The People stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #191*

Lux eoi (Descant: Apgar)

“Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise”

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

The Book of Common Prayer 323

The Gloria

The Hymnal 1982 #S 202

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 173

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson *The People sit.*

Acts 11:1-18

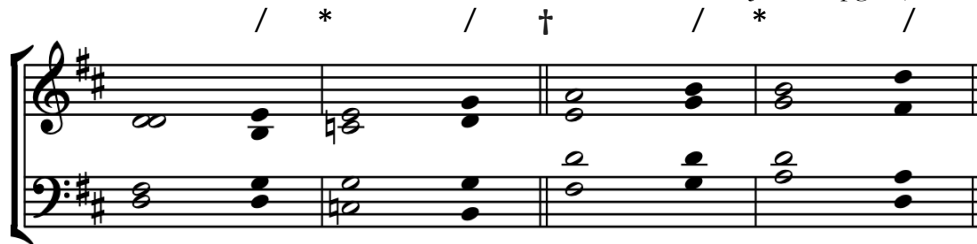
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14 *Laudate Dominum*

Chant: Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)



- 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 to/gether.
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. Halle/lujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #583 The People stand. Morning Song*
"O holy city, seen of John"

The Gospel *Standing* John 13:31-35
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**



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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



The Sermon *The People sit.*

The Nicene Creed *The People stand. The Book of Common Prayer 326*

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 *The People stand or kneel. The Book of Common Prayer 389*

The Intercessor calls the people to prayer by saying

Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old is passed away; behold, he is making all things new! Let us pray with confidence to God, that through Christ all our petitions and prayers are heard, saying, "hear our prayer."

Intercessor Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

By ancient tradition, the Confession is omitted during Eastertide.

The Peace

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 *Alleluia! I heard a voice* Janet Wheeler (b. 1957)

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*

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And with thy spirit.</p> <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them up unto the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>
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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: Heav'n 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**

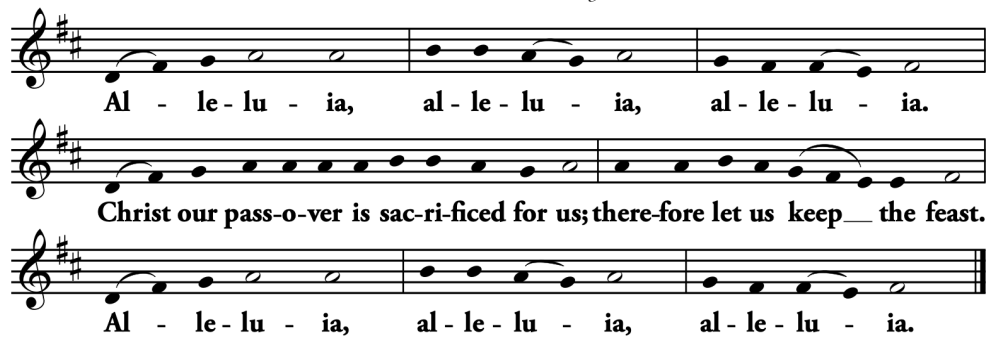
Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

“Our Father” *The Lord's Prayer*

The Book of Common Prayer 336

The Easter Confractorium

The Hymnal 1982 #S 154



The Breaking of the Bread

The Hymnal 1982 #S 171



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. **Ref.**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one Bread. **Ref.**

The Presentation and Invitation

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

Anthem *A new commandment give I unto you*

Thomas Tallis (d. 1585)

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” The Call*

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 Eastertide Blessing

Processional Hymn

Jerusalem (Descant: Apgar)

1 O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal and yet ev - er
 2 O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of wea - ri - ness and
 3 We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of
 new, un-com-pre - hend - ed and un - bought, be - yond all
 ill, in nights of pain and help - less - ness, to heal, to
 shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on - high, our life to
 know-ledge and all thought! O love of God, how deep and
 com - fort, and to bless! O wide-em - brac - ing, won-drous
 live, our death to die. We read your pow'r to bless and
 great, far deep - er than our deep - est hate; self - fed, self -
 love! We read you in the sky a - bove, we read you
 save, e'en in the dark - ness of the grave; still more in
 kin - dled, like the light, change-less, e - ter - nal, in - fi -
 in the earth be - low, in seas that swell, and streams that
 re - sur - rec - tion light, we read the full - ness of your
 nite. flow. might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —
People
 Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —

Voluntary *Fugue from Sonata in C Minor, Op. 65, No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Parish Notes for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's host, Sarah Kupovykh

This Week at Good Shepherd:

Sunday 10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed
 Coffee Hour Follows
 11:45 AM Adult Forum in the Loring Room and on ZOOM

	5:30 PM	Celtic Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Do Love Sunday
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:45 PM	Midweek Eucharist

Adult Forum in Eastertide- Music of Resurrection and Life

May 18	From nightclubs to Episcopal churches, with Brian DeLorenzo
May 25	“You’ll Never Walk Alone” - The story of a remarkable song: from musical theater to the English Hymnal, with Father Jay
June 1	Choir Celebration, Pop-Up Hymn Sing

Congratulations Mung Awn

Today at 2:00 p.m., Sut Hting Mung Awn, who serves various capacities in the liturgy and Christian Ed ministries of our parish, will graduate from the Boston University School of Theology with a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) degree.

Rogation Sunday with Special Guest Preacher

Next Sunday, we celebrate Rogation Sunday. Rogation marks the last days before the Ascension. Growing out of a rich tradition in Anglicanism, it developed as a time to pray for Creation— for farm, seed, green blades rising— a final blessing on earth from Christ before he ascends. Weather permitting, we will begin at the front steps of the church and then process together, much like on Palm Sunday.

We welcome the Reverend Canon Marissa Rohrbach as our preacher next week. Canon Rohrbach is the new Regional Canon for the Central Region, DioMass.

Music Minute – Today’s closing hymn, “O love of God, how strong and true,” is set to the tunes *Dunedin* and *de Tar* in our hymnal (see hymns 455 and 456); it has appeared with at least twenty different tunes in English-language hymnals. Today we sing C.H.H. Parry’s mighty tune *Jerusalem*, first composed for William Blake’s poem about England (still sung with that text in the UK). Among the advantages to going beyond our hymnal in this manner is the chance to sing verses of the hymn that the hymnal editors decided not to include. Horatius Bonar’s original text consisted of ten stanzas in Long Meter (four lines of eight syllables each), yet the version found in *The Hymnal 1982* includes only four stanzas. The version we sing this morning includes two more, for a total of six stanzas (*Jerusalem* is Long Meter Double, so we only have to sing it three times to get through six Long Meter stanzas). These additional stanzas include some exceptionally powerful words from Bonar’s original: “O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than our deepest hate,” and “O heavenly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless.” Other hymns by Bonar can be found in *The Hymnal 1982*: 316, 317, 318, 692, 700.

This Spring at Good Shepherd

Sunday, May 25 Rogation Sunday with Guest Preacher from our Diocese
 Sunday, June 8 Celebration of Confirmands with festive Coffee Hour
 Sunday, June 15 Father’s Day ~ Parish Picnic ~ Children sing in worship

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Jeremy Southgate – Lector/Usher; **Kathleen Conroy** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Tara Karyanis** – Intercessor; **Kaitie Murray** – AV Tech; **Alex Russel** – Crucifer; **Ella Weldon** – Thurifer; **Andy Russel** – Torch Bearer(s); **Barbara Wood** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. Jay Weldon – Celebrant and Preacher

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