

## THE FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

(Refer to the insert.)

## THE SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

(All stand.)

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal #635 *If thou but trust in God*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Deacon/Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Mark.  
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Following the reading, the Deacon/Celebrant says:

Deacon/Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Gary Brower

## THE NICENE CREED (All stand.)

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 Lector leads the Prayers.

In response to the bidding "Have mercy, O Lord."—please respond:

People: Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

At the conclusion of the Prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant: 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.

## WELCOME OUR CHILDREN TO WORSHIP

### THE PEACE (All stand.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (All sit.)

### THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Celebrant and People: Watch over your servants, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### THE BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS (10:30 am)

### THE OFFERTORY

Anthem at 10:30 am *Clap Your Hands* Diane Lokensgard  
The Good Shepherd Choir

(All stand.)

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1  
from *Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.  
Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you

thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Hymnal #S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven\_\_\_ and earth\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high- est.\_\_\_\_

(The people stand or kneel.)

Then the Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant and **People:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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** *(A period of silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: 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.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

10:30 am **Songbook #102** *Spirit of the Living God*

**Songbook #103** *Spirit Song*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and **People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed: that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.**

## COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth to share Communion with those who are absent from this table.

**People: As you have been fed, now feed others in Christ's name.**

Celebrant: Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.

Celebrant and **People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE BLESSING

## THE SENDING HYMN

**Hymn #709** *O God of Bethel*

## THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Fugue in G major*

J. S. Bach

## A word about our Eucharistic Prayer

For the next several weeks — until Advent — we will be using an alternate Eucharistic Prayer, taken from the Episcopal Church's *Enriching Our Worship*. We are doing this for a couple of reasons. First, hearing different prayers helps us appreciate anew the stories and ideas that help make us who we are as Christians. And, second, this particular Eucharistic Prayer, in several places, highlights our relationship with, and responsibility to, the Creation—especially appropriate as September 1 through October 4 have been designated by many Christian bodies as the Season of Creation. Indeed, if you haven't seen it, the Pope, the Presiding Bishop, and the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch released a joint statement concerning the care of creation. It can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/2tynbkx9>.

*Altar flowers are given today by Sandi Price,  
in loving memory of her father.*

## PARTICIPANTS AT 7:45 AM

Celebrant/Preacher

*The Rev. Gary R. Brower*

Pianist

*Connie Branton*

Lector

*Elaine Oxenbury*

Usher/Greeter

*Jim Wolfe*

## PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant/Preacher

*The Rev. Gary R. Brower*

Organist/Pianist/Choir Director

*Connie Branton*

Musicians

*Good Shepherd Choir*

Lectors

*Jeff Spahr, Susan Bailey*

Eucharistic Minister

*Ellen Blackburn*

Ushers

*Fred and Kathy Hirst*

Greeter

*Marilyn Taylor*



# Good Shepherd EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost September 26, 2021 7:45 & 10:30 am

## The Holy Eucharist—Rite II

*When entering the church sanctuary, please be mindful of people who are praying prior to the worship service.*

## THE PRELUDE

*Prelude in G major*

J. S. Bach

*(The people stand for the procession.)*

## THE GATHERING HYMN

**Hymn #509** *Spirit divine*

## THE ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People: Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity, and the People respond:*

Celebrant and **People: AMEN.**

## TRISAGION

**Hymnal #S-102**

*Sung three times.*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect, and the People respond:*

Celebrant and **People: AMEN.**

*(All sit, and refer to the insert for the readings.)*