

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien.
The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you;
you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am
the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Time prior to the start of the liturgy is a time for quiet meditation and prayer.

Prelude (10:30)

Entrance Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 292

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis (8:30)

BCP 356

Gloria in excelsis (10:30)

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The Salutation & The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

The psalm will be read responsively by half-verse.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 488

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Hadaway

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Parish Prayer List: David Noller, Jim Cosbey, Darlene, Kim Greene, Nekka Scott, Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev'd Canon Wadie Far, Mimy Butler, Rev. Ellen Montgomery, Paul Verostko, Tracy and Richard Sawicki, Beth Regan, Cynthia Lipsius Gembola, Carol Burns.

The Peace

BCP 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (10:30) *“If Ye Love Me”, Thomas Tallis*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (10:30)

Agnus Dei (10:30)

BCP 361

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✠ The Communion of the Faithful ✠

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, please approach the altar with your arms crossed in front of your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to Father Mike or Mother Elizabeth. If you cannot come to the altar, please raise a hand and we will come to you.

Communion Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 343

Post-Communion Prayer

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

People: Amen.

Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 405

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Organ Voluntary (10:30)

Fr. Mike is always available on his cell phone, 443-797-5422. Confession is available by appointment.

Lectors

May 10

8:30 Nancy & Dale Cich

10:30 Dottie Aikman (1)

Bev Barry (2)

May 17

8:30 Nancy & David Van Baak

10:30 Bev Barry (1)

Elaine Richau (2)

The Parish Announcements

Strawberry Festival/Chicken BBQ

Mark your calendars! Our 2026 Strawberry Festival & Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, June 20. We will need your help once again in planning, setting up, serving and cleanup. It isn't too early to start thinking about donations for our popular basket raffle. The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We will also have letters available to take to area businesses for donation requests. Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for more information.

The United Thank Offering (UTO)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. UTO is known for the Blue Box and/or envelope – tangible reminders that encourages one to pray, give thanks to God, and make a thank offering. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Good Shepherd's spring ingathering for UTO is Sunday, May 10. Envelopes are available at Church entrances and in the pews. (If you write a check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd. Put UTO in the memo line.)

Thank you,

Dottie Aikman

UTO Coordinator

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To conveniently make a donation, simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone to access our online giving page. As a reminder, the Diocese is no longer covering our online processing fees. If you prefer to pay online, please consider using your bank's bill pay function to donate. It typically has no fees associated with the transaction. Thank you!



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