

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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**May 3, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

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

*Altar flowers are given  
in memory of Thomas Bloom and in honor of Bruce Carle.*



“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 194

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

**The Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

**Gloria in excelsis (8:30)**

BCP 356

**Gloria in excelsis (10:30)**

S280

**The Salutation & The Collect of the Day**

BCP 357

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

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The First Lesson**

*Acts 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*In te, Domine, speravi*

*The psalm will be read responsively by half-verse.*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*

deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## **The Second Lesson**

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”, and  
“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

*All please stand.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

Hymnal 487

### **Gospel Lesson**

*John 14:1-14*

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

## The Sermon

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)** *"I will not leave you comfortless."*, Ron Nelson,

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

**Sanctus (10:30)**

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**Agnus Dei (10:30)**

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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 325

**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 518

**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.

**May 3**

**Lectors**

**8:30** Paul Hojnacki

**10:30** Joe Spina (1)

Marji Torrell (2)

**May 10**

**8:30** Nancy & David Van Baak

**10:30** Dottie Aikman (1)

Bev Barry (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) began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover. Today, UTO includes members of all ages and genders, and welcomes

people regardless of church affiliation. UTO's focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe.

Good Shepherd's spring ingathering to support UTO is Sunday, May 10. Envelopes are available in the pews. (Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd and put UTO in the memo line.)

### **Donate**

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!



### **Good Shepherd Staff**

The Reverend Michael Hadaway, *Rector*  
The Reverend Elizabeth Hadaway, *Assistant Rector*  
Trevor Napoli, *Interim Music Minister*  
Jessica Thorington, *Administrative Assistant*

### **Vestry**

Dale Cich & Elaine Richau, Wardens;  
Pat Lalonde, Treasurer; Nancy Cich, Clerk;  
Class of 2026: Charlene Gottfried, Susan Woods  
Class of 2027: Marji Torrell, Linda Leighbody  
Class of 2028: Bev Barry, Kathy Toth

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