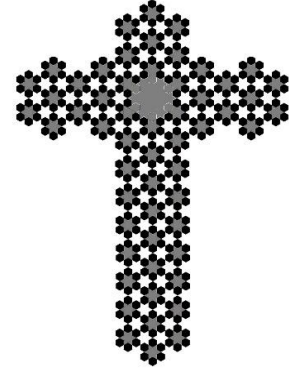


# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated as the Celebrant processes while leading The Great Litany.*

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

**Have mercy on us.**

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

**Savior deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of

heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

**Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

**Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

**Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death

and at the day of judgment,

**Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood

and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of

power; by the preaching of your reign,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your

precious death and burial,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

**Savior deliver us.**

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit especially all those on our prayer list, and those we now name silently or out loud (*pause*) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees,  
and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, and those we now name silently or out loud (*pause*)  
and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

## **ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*All* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY

*Celebrant* Dear People of God: Let us pray that as we walk the way of love with compassion, justice and reconciliation in our hearts, we may inspire all the world to serve Christ in every living thing.

Let us pray for the staff and partners of Episcopal Relief & Development as they facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. We ask that you guide them as your servants in the world and that their work truly changes lives for the better.

Let us offer to God our gratitude and thanksgivings. For all those, who out of their compassion and generosity, support the work of Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners around the world; for Ministry Partners and Disaster Volunteers; for all those who hold this work in prayer; for the many gifts present that help achieve God's dream in every community.

*Celebrant* God of grace and love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Deuteronomy chapter 26...*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought

us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 91:1-2,9-16**

*Lector* *We will read responsively from Psalm 91...*

*Lector* He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

*People* **He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

*Lector* Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

*People* **There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

*Lector* For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

*People* **They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*Lector* You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

*People* **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

*Lector* He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

*People* **With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.**

### **THE SECOND READING**

Romans 10:8b-13

*Lector* *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 3....*

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*People* **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.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Please stand.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### THE PRESENTATION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Celebrant says a proper preface*

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

*People* **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.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.

*People* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

Christus, der uns selig macht  
(See the Lord of Life and Light)

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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 AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## VOLUNTARY

Grand jeu

Pierre DuMage

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Laura McGary
Lector	Gail Griffin
Ushers	Tony Bowman, Ed Steponaitis

### Prayers are requested for:

**The Week of March 2** – Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Rhiannon S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Dorothy E, Eric T, The Towell Family, Gloria S, Tony B

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Maryellen Tilly, Hazel Destefano

### Announcements

**Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday** – During Lent we will be collecting offerings for Episcopal Relief & Development until Good Friday. You may collect change in an ER&D box or checks may be marked ER&D. You may also give online or by mail.

**Undie Sunday** – Today is the culmination of our collection drive for Clothes for Kids. Please place your donations of new underwear in the tubs in the Narthex or Kirk Hall. Monetary gifts may be marked Clothes for Kids.

**Book Club** – Meets today at 11:45AM in the Patio Room to discuss *The Best American Short Stories* Lauren Groff. There will be no book club in April. May's read is *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass.

**Youth Group** – Meets today at 11:45AM in the Youth Room upstairs. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

**24 Hours that Changed the World** – Our Lenten Study begins tomorrow, March 10 at 5:30PM in the Patio Room. Adam Hamilton's book chronicles the last 24 hours of Christ's earthly life. Books are still available for \$10, cash or check.

**Parish Game Night** – Bring your favorite board game and beverage and gather in the Patio Room on March 14 at 6pm. RSVP to Cheryl Sharpe as a light supper will be provided.

**Soul Sisters** – Join Soul Sisters on March 15 at 10AM in Kirk Hall for a storytelling experience with our own Maureen Belote. All women of the parish are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

**Dunedin Cares** – Sunday, March 16, we will collect non-perishable food for our neighbors. We aim to make this a record collection so please start shopping now.

**Bishop Visit** – Next Sunday, March 16, Bishop Douglas Scharf will lead the 10AM worship with baptisms, confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations. Lunch will follow after the service.

**Bishop Discretionary Fund** – Next Sunday, March 16, all loose plate offerings will be directed to the Bishop Discretionary Fund. Please mark any checks with Bishop's Fund.

**Fifth Sunday Feast** – Join us in Kirk Hall after the 10am service on March 30 for a breakfast feast. Tickets are \$10 per person. Family tickets are \$30 and children 10 and under are free.