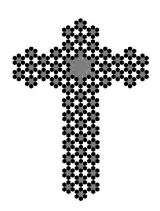
## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II





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Sunday Services at 9 AM (summer) • Wednesday at 6 PM
Our Sunday 9 AM service is livestreamed

## 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.

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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**

VOLUNTARY

Pavone and Basse-Dance from Capriol Suite

Peter Warlock (1894 – 1930)

During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-537 Christ for the World We Sing Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal: the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ doth heal.

MOSCOW

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer: the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord: with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song: the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

All

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

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

All Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

Lector The First Reading is taken from Acts Chapter 16...

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 DIX

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your world with light divine; All your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King; At your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live, All below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

## THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Revelation chapter 21...

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMN TO JOY

Tell it! Tell it out with gladness – God's good news to ev'ry land Sing forgiven, lives transfigured, all in God's great loving plan. In the Book is found the witness to his mighty acts of yore: Listen, heed, obey, and serve him, kneel before him and adore.

THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** *The people sit.* The Rev. Whitney Burton

**NICENE CREED** All stand as able.

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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your

truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and

peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use

its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve

Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the

flowers given in loving memory of Steve De La Vega, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Diana Raymond, Vickie Edman, Cathy Jacobson, and Terry Kirk, and for the anniversaries of Donna and

Dennis Charles, and Rose and Jim Acre.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those

on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your

salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those we now name aloud

or in our hearts (Pause) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray

that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Please be seated.

**OFFERTORY** Be Thou My Vision

arr. Craig Courtney

Judy Warner, Soprano; Cindy Huffman, Alto

**PRESENTATION HYMN H-717** 

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

(stanzas 1,4)

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS S-125 All Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

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** Pastorale on "My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread" Franklin D. Ashdown

COMMUNION HYMN H-321 My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread ROCKINGHAM (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with doth overflow; Be all thy children thither led, and let them all thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run, tell with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY** Now the Green Blade Rises Daniel Burton

# **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant The Rev. Whitney Burton

Organist/Choirmaster Tom Huffman Crucifer Pat Cates

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Torch/Chalicists Linda Wells and Lynne Henderson
Lectors Linda Corliss and Sharon Ozbun

Prayers of the People Carolyn Hughes

Ushers Sherry Boothe and Ryan Stollenmaier

Linda Corliss and Nancy Vallely

Building & Grounds Cheryl Sharpe

Welcome Table Dave Dube and Sherry Boothe

**Prayers are requested for:** Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Mandeville P, Mavis S, The Dawson Family, Elaine and her grandfather, Becky G, Jim C, Chloe J, Rose Marie W, Gloria S, David M, Carmela, Jim and Nancy K and her mother, Cathy H, the Megel family, Debbie P, Donna C, and Bonnie S.

#### Celebrations this week:

Birthdays - Diana Raymond, Vickie Edman, Cathy Jacobson, and Terry Kirk

Anniversaries - Dennis and Donna Charles, and Jim and Rose Acre

#### Announcements

**Summer Service** – For the months of June and July, there will be one service at 9 AM. The third Sunday (June 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>) will be Rite 1 services.

**Parish Office Updates** – The new office hours will be 10AM to 3PM Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

**Dunedin Cares Collection** – today is our monthly collection for Dunedin Cares. Bring your non-perishable food items. *Urgently needed items are pasta sauce, pasta, condiments, cereal and rice. Most requested personal items are shampoo, bar soap, feminine products, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet paper.* 

Memorial Day – We honor those who died while serving their country in the armed forces.