

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

10:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

& BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

COVID-19 Precautions

Please wear a face mask over your nose and mouth. Be considerate of others during this time. Together we can slow the spread of the virus in our area. Thank you.

Visitors

Welcome! We're glad to have you worship with us. If you'd like to learn more about this community of faith and our different ministries, fill out one of our visitor cards (in the pews) and hand it to an usher.

Welcome, Kids!

During the 10:00 am service, a staffed nursery is available. You can drop off children at the Early Learning Center classroom closest to the pool.

From 9:50-10:30 am, Children's Sunday School is held in the Early Learning Center, in the second room on the right after going through the gate.

Restrooms

Exit through the courtyard. A family restroom is available to your right in the Worsham Hall building as soon as you go through the glass door.

Ask an usher if you need any assistance.

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Follow us on Facebook or Instagram. Our Facebook page is "The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd - Jacksonville, Florida" and we're on Instagram as "goodshepherdjaxchurch."

Our website is gsjax.church.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Mit Freuden zart*

Frederick Candlyn

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 400 (vs 1, 4, 5, 7)

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

1 All creatures worship God most high,
lift up your voice in earth and sky,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

5 And ev'ryone, with tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!

The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

7 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong!
Join in the everlasting song:
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 410 (v. 1)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

Celebrant and People

**I Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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.

FIRST LESSON: Job 12:7-10

Reader: A reading from Job.

⁷ “But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148:7-10

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
 stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds!

THE EPISTLE: Galatians 6:14-18

Reader: A reading from Galatians.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

Hymnal 680
St. Anne

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 FOR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Leader Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

Leader For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray,

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray,

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray,

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray,

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, especially our President, Congress, Governor, and Mayor, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray,

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially the Olson Family, Rebecca and Brad and Theodore, Peter, Maggie, Brandon, Yevgeniya, Missy, Julie, Erwin, Andrea, Courtney, Rodman, Alex and Dave, Allison, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer, Ann, Brian, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Sally, Randall, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley, we pray,

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant

Gracious God, your servant Francis reminds us of your great love for all creation. Grant that every creature may live lives of praise as you intend. Help us to shape the pattern of our days so that all your creatures may share in the fruits of your creation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

PRAYERS BEFORE THE BLESSING

Celebrant

Living God, we give thanks for the beauty of your creation and for our animal companions who enrich our lives with their affection and loyalty. Protect the animals of the earth, seas and sky, and strengthen us by your Spirit, that following the way of Francis of Assisi we may treasure all that you have made with wisdom and reverence. **Amen.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Living God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it all of the creatures of the streams, lakes, and oceans swim, live, and have their being. By it all are hydrated and sustained. We pray by the power of your Holy Spirit that this water is blessed and sanctified, that it may bless our animals. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of my Soul Donald McCullough (b. 1957)

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;

Refrain
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O__ praise him, O__ praise him,

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

People stand.

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People sing

Hymnal S-125

(Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are found in the front of the hymnal.)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

FRACTION HYMN

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S-166

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal 328

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

A blessing is offered and the people respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408
Mit freuden zart

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Mit Freuden Zart*

The Rev. Brent Owens
Rector

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson
Priest Associate

Becky Garrison
Chris Mitchell
Glenn Scott
Readers

Altar Flowers

Given by Julie Davis in memory of her parents, Julia Olive and Richard Brooke, who were married at Good Shepard on October 10, 1958.

Special Prayers

We pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish, The Church of the Annunciation in Florida, Cuba.

We pray those in our diocese, especially for: Bethany Episcopal Church, Hilliard; St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Palm Coast; Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Gainesville; Chapel of St. Dismas, Baker Correctional; Christ Episcopal Church, Monticello; Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville

We give thanks and pray for the safety of all healthcare workers during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for: Dean, Karen, George, Alan, Naya, Jay, Lysa, Tony, Tom, Brett, Susanna C., MacLean Nasrallah, Ilya Nasrallah.

We give thanks and pray for all the frontline workers.

We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for:

The Olson Family, Rebecca and Brad Owens and Theodore, Peter Flood, Maggie, Brandon Centerwall, Yevgeniya, Missy L., Julie Beasley, Erwin Cascante, Andrea H., Courtney, Rodman, Alex and Dave, Allison DeFoor, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Ann Ottesen, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Sally McKeithen, Randall Burke, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce Norville, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee, E. G. Newsom, Judy Martin, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley Walters, and our postulant Teri Calinao and husband George.

We pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who have died from the virus.

We pray for those who have died, especially for Betty Crittenden. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for all who are serving in our Armed Forces and Intelligence Services, both at home and abroad, especially for: Rich, Ashton, Zachary, Brooker, Caleb, Charlie, Erik, Katie, Bradley Williams, Thomas Crouch, Jonathan Ubl, Channing Mattix, Warren Butler.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially

Zachary Russell	October 12	Brian Palmer	October 16
Jamie Reaser	October 14	Kattee Patterson	October 16
Pat Rogers	October 15	Kenneth Chamberlain	October 16
Lee Bullock	October 15		

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially

Dave and Kate Medill October 14

Announcements

We Remember Those Who Have Died

On All Saints' Day, we remember and honor those who have died. We are now gathering names of loved ones who have passed away. If you would like us to read a loved one's name aloud during the service on All Saints' Day, please share it with the office by emailing Gina at golson@gsjax.church or by calling the Parish Office at (904) 387-5691.

Gina's office availability will vary this week. Her grandmother, Kathryn Olson ("Grammee"), was hit by a vehicle when crossing the street, and she died. Gina is so grateful for everyone's prayers for her family, especially for her grandfather, David, and father, Eric.

Livestream Techs Needed

We need people to make the Livestream happen each Sunday. By live-streaming services on YouTube, people who otherwise would not be able to attend worship can attend. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anne Graham at acgraham916@gmail.com.

Service Attendance

September 29	Compline on YouTube	10
October 3		64

This Week

On Sunday Mornings

Bible Study in Craig Lounge and on Zoom Sundays at 9:00 am

Study the Bible in a non-threatening way and get to know others in the process. No preparation or study is required. "African Bible Study" is a method first introduced by the African Delegation to Lambeth Conference in 1998 (Lambeth Conference is a gathering every 10 years of all bishops of the Anglican Communion.)

Meeting ID: 778 9800 5402

Passcode: Bi0Dgu

Good Shepherd 101 in the Library at 9:00 am on Sundays and by Zoom

This class welcomes everyone (whether new to Good Shepherd or a long-time member) into the Episcopal Church to help equip us to carry out the work of Christ in the world. We will explore Episcopal liturgy and history, our own spiritual gifts, the sacraments, and much more. Please explore the Episcopal Church with us as we also discern our own spiritual journey. Each session is a “stand-alone” class so that you can attend one, or all or something in between. Led by Fr. Brent Owens.

Meeting ID: 728 2258 1242

Passcode: Wc0ZHT

For Children

9:30 am–11:30 am Sunday Mornings Staffed Nursery in the Early Learning Center, first room on right after going through the gate. Infant through 4 years old.

9:50-10:30 am Sunday Mornings: Children’s Sunday School in the Early Learning Center, second room on the right after going through the gate. Age 5 through middle school.

Thank you, Lay Weeders!

Thank you to our Lay Weeders for their work around the grounds the previous Saturday. Lee Edgar, Sheryl Pulley, Steve Gillick, Dale Taylor, Anne Graham, and Debbie Conder all helped out.

If you would like to join this group for service and fellowship, you’re invited! Lay Weeders meets on the first Saturday of each month.

During the Week

Wednesday Noon Bible Study, 12:00-1:00 pm in Craig Lounge only

Good Shepherd member Julie Davis facilitates this Bible study. Our first study uses *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine and addresses: What might Jesus' teachings have meant to those who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

Prayer Shawl Group at 4:00 pm in the Courtyard

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the courtyard. This group gets together to knit and crochet prayer shawls and prayer blankets that are blessed and distributed. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or just spending time with caring and interesting people, join them.

Wednesday Evening Book Study, 7:00 pm by Zoom only

We explore a window into the millennial generation's detachment from religious institutions and also how some find their way back into the church with Rachel Held Evans' book *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*. The Book Study is at 7:00 pm by Zoom each Wednesday. After the book study, you can attend a service of Compline on our YouTube channel. Zoom Meeting ID: 711 7700 7115 Passcode: Zc4PB2

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, October 13th

12:00 pm Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Craig Lounge
4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard
7:00 pm *Searching for Sunday* Book Study by Zoom only
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, October 17th

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
9:00 am Bible Study in Craig Lounge and via Zoom
9:00 am Good Shepherd 101 in the Library
9:50 pm Children's Sunday School in Early Learning Center Classroom
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and on YouTube

Our YouTube videos will remain available to watch after the time they premiere, so you can attend the book study without missing Compline.

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