

Welcome to  
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 2021

8:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

## **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.

### **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.

### **Stay Connected**

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](http://gsjax.church).

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*

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.**

### GLORIA

*Celebrant and People*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.  
*People*                              **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

*Reader:* A reading from Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

*Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
    **then were we like those who dream.**

- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
    **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- <sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
    **"The LORD has done great things for them."**
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
    **and we are glad indeed.**
- <sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
    **like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
    **will reap with songs of joy.**
- <sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
    **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**THE EPISTLE:** Hebrews 7:23-28

*Reader:* A reading from Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*



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**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael Curry, John Howard, and our priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson, and our postulant Teri Calinao, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our president, Joe Biden; our governor, Ron DeSantis; and our mayor, Lenny Curry, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, especially for Angelina, 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 and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, 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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*                   The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*The people stand.*

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

*Celebrant and 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.**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

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. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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**

*A blessing is offered and the people respond **Amen.***

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

The Rev. Brent Owens  
*Rector*

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson  
*Priest Associate*

## **Altar Flowers**

In Memory of  
Courtenay & Jack Sands  
Robin Sands Guerry

Given By  
Keith Sands &  
Courtenay Sands Wilson

## **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:** Florida State Prison, Starke; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Quincy; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville; St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palatka; St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, High Springs

**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:**

Angelina Smalkova, 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. 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**

John Beasley	October 25
Karen Elizabeth Wickersham	October 25
Kathleen Jordan	October 28
Matt Wolfe	October 29

**We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week.**

# Announcements

## Next Sunday, October 31 is All Saints' Sunday

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](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) or by calling the Parish Office at (904) 387-5691.

## Thanksgiving Outreach November 2021

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of our Thanksgiving Outreach Project!! With your faithful help, we have made a difference in the lives of many. Last year we served more than 150 people of 40 families! We can do it again this year!

### OUR PLAN:

- We will meet at Winn-Dixie, Lakewood (intersection of University Blvd. and San Jose Blvd. zip 32207) at 9:00 am, Saturday, November 20.
- We have ordered Thanksgiving Meals through Savannah Classics, provided by WD. These **cooked** meals are complete with sides, dessert, and a whole turkey.
- Return to Good Shepherd and label each complete meal with the family name.
- Families will be able to pick up their meal between 12-2:00 pm

**Sign up to help:** Email Susannah Sands at [susannahsands@hotmail.com](mailto:susannahsands@hotmail.com) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

## **Consecration Sunday Brunch on November 14**

Mark your calendars for our Consecration Sunday Brunch on November 14 after the 10:00 am service. The brunch will be catered through the generosity of parishioners; the menu will include gluten free and vegetarian options. Please fill out an RSVP card and turn it in or RSVP to the parish office by Friday, November 5 so we can provide the caterer a count. You can send an email to [welcomes@gsjax.church](mailto:welcomes@gsjax.church) or call (904) 387-5691 (voicemail is checked regularly, if your call is missed).

### **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

## **During the Week**

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

Our current 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?

Paul Arrington leads the final study on the Sermon on the Mount on October 27. A new study of Genesis begins on November 3. Julie Davis will lead the study, and we will use Peter Enns' *Invitation to Genesis*.

### **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

### **Wednesday Evening Compline on YouTube**

Visit our YouTube channel at or after 7:00 pm each Wednesday for a service of Compline. Services are led by different people each week. These services are brief and a good way to find peace after a long day.

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## Weekly Calendar

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm            Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Craig Lounge  
7:00 pm            *Searching for Sunday* Book Study by Zoom only  
7:00 pm            Compline on YouTube

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*All Saints' Sunday*

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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