

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

8:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!

COVID-19 Precautions

Masks are now optional. Please be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and observe social distancing. 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

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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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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Celebrant

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.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

Reader: A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not

to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Celebrant and the People read the psalm by half verse.

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
**for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**
- ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

Please stand.

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brent Owens

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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

Reader

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly choirs of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and mother church is glad. Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for all people everywhere

according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ, we pray, saying:

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop John Howard, our priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson, and for all holy people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially our president, Joe; our governor, Ron; and our mayor, Lenny, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your kingdom on the earth.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of Jesus, and Salome found healing in the encounter with the risen Christ. Give wholeness and peace to all those in need: Jamie, Michael, Kerry, Elizabeth, Skye, Kathleen, Missy, Peter, Brandon, Yevgeniya, Julie, Courtney, Rodman, Allison, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer, Brian, Nancy, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Gail, Patricia, E. G., Dorothy, Ingo, Ellen, and Shirley, the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and the hungry, the dying and the bereaved.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, especially for Emily Miller, who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **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

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

*Altar flowers are given by Julie and Tommy Davis
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.*

Additional dedication for flowers donated on April 24:

*Given by Patricia Lee in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wood, Jr,
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Alderman*

We celebrate the baptism of Dorothy Marie Weatherly at the 10:00 am service today.

Katherine Louise Krieg Weatherly
Eric Craig Weatherly, Jr.
Parents

Sarah Elizabeth Marga Krieg
Cordes Skinner Lindow
Hans Benjamin Krieg
Joey Assaf
Godparents

Special Prayers

We pray for peace throughout the world, especially for peace in Ukraine.

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 for those in our diocese, especially for: Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Carrabelle; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Fernandina Beach; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Green Cove Springs; Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, Crescent City; Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Key; All Saint's Chapel, Hastings Youth Academy; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Madison.

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

We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for: Jamie, Michael, Kerry, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Skye Carroll, Missy L., Peter Flood, Brandon Centerwall, Yevgeniya, Julie Beasley, Courtney, Rodman, Allison DeFoor, Polly, Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Nancy, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee, E. G. Newsom, 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 Emily Miller.
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 for

Dale Taylor	May 16
Selma Cox	May 18
Martha Johns	May 19

Naya Lyons-Khadpe May 20
Malinda Owens May 21

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

*Let us know if there is someone who could be blessed by receiving flowers from the altar
or if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.
welcome@gsjax.church*

Announcements

What can I do to help people in Ukraine?



Episcopal Relief & Development and other Anglican partners can provide some assistance to those fleeing the violence in Ukraine. For more information, visit episcopalrelief.org. To donate, scan the QR code with your phone.

After the 10:00 am service, join us for a Potluck in Betsy Lovett Hall!

Confirmation & Reception: Take the Next Step in Your Membership

Bishop Howard will be at Good Shepherd for confirmation and reception on Sunday, June 12. If you are an adult and would like to be confirmed or received, we have a series of 3 classes (May 22, 29, and June 5) to prepare you. The class is at 11:30 am (after the 10:00 am service) in the Library so that it does not conflict with other Good Shepherd activities. Bring a sack lunch. The classes will end by 12:45 pm.

- **Confirmation** is a sacramental rite in which baptized candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayers and the laying on of hands by a bishop.” BCP p. 860
- **Reception** is for baptized persons who have made a mature commitment to Christ in another Christian denomination and now wish to be members of the Episcopal Church. The candidate is received through the laying on of hands and prayer by the Bishop.

Please RSVP for attendance by contacting Rev. Brent Owens at bowens@gsjax.church or by calling (904) 866-9772.

This Week

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Weekly at 7:00 am in Betsy Lovett Hall

Get a mid-week boost each Wednesday from 7:00 am to 7:45 am! Enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, oatmeal, yogurt, fruit, and, of course, Sequential Coffee. Father Brent will lead us in a short Bible Study and we will pray before we continue on our day. Please enter through the Forbes Street door.

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, May 18th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study in Betsy Lovett Hall
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, May 22nd

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
9:00 am Bible Study in Craig Lounge (and by Zoom)
9:50 am Children's Sunday School in Early Learning Center Classroom
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and on YouTube
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 am service in Craig Lounge
11:30 am Confirmation & Reception Class in the Library

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