

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
THE WORD OF GOD: RITE I

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

8:00 AM

The Word of God: Rite I

INTROIT

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deo Gracias

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

BCP p. 317-318

Please kneel.

God spake these words, and said:
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.
<i>People</i>	Christ, have mercy upon us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

VOLUNTARY

Jesus, All My Gladness

Jesu, Meine Freude

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

Please stand.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brent Owens

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and people

Please stand.

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

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

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

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 prayer 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 our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop, Charles and Dorsey our Assisting Bishops, Brent our Rector, and Jean our Deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy truth 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 land and every land, especially for our president, Joe; our governor, Ron; and our mayor, Lenny, 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 Ted, Teri, Jerry, Sally, Anne, Jack, Randall, Betsy, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Pat, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, and Shirley all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Tom and Joanne, 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.**

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Aus der Tiefe rufet ich

Please stand.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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.

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.

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 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:

Ted, Teri Calinao, Jerry Patterson, Sally McKeithen, Anne Brittle, Jack Jenkins,
Randall Burke, Betsy Miller, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine,
Pat Rogers, Joyce Norville, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee,
E. G. Newsom, Judy Martin, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley Walters.

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 Tom McKeithan and Joanne Justiss.
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for all who are serving in our Armed Forces and Intelligence Forces, both at home and abroad,
especially for:

Zachary, Brooker, Bennett, Caleb, Rich, Charlie, Erik, Katie, Bradley Williams,
Thomas Crouch, Jonathan Ubl, Channing Mattix, Warren Butler.

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week:

Billy Ball	2/21	Stella Herford	2/24
Anne Hammock	2/22	Miller Pickett	2/27
Gee Alexander	2/24	Pete Schlegel	2/27

Announcements

Good morning and welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd! Thank you for joining us for the Liturgy of the Word online.

5 Spiritual Exercises: A Lenten Offering



I would like to offer to you the opportunity to be a part of what I think will be a very good Lenten study of 5 ancient spiritual exercises that is being offered by my former Diocese, the Diocese of Lexington. Led by both lay people and clergy, if we have 4 or more Good Shepherd members sign up then when we have a break out session we will be grouped together. I look forward to being in these classes with you!

The Rev. Brent Owens+

Would you like to feel God's presence more deeply? The Diocese of Lexington will offer a Zoom-based course that will introduce 5 ancient spiritual exercises that have helped Christians cultivate a more joyful and life-giving relationship with God and neighbor. The class will meet for five Monday nights in Lent. February 22- March 22 from 7-9:00 pm. Join us by registering with this link: <https://bit.ly/2Y5Z9SQ>

This course contains five documentary-style short films of around 8-10 minutes in length in which parishioners and clergy from in the Diocese of Lexington talk about how the themes of prayer, gratitude, service, study and sharing help them feel God's presence more deeply and love their neighbors more faithfully. The course will also have a participant guide with discussion questions that go along with each theme. The guide will help small groups reflect on the themes after they view each of the films.

A Message from Linda Ross

It has been a privilege and a joy to be a part of the parish staff for the past several years. Working to assist the clergy and to provide pastoral and administrative support for both clergy and parishioners has been a fulfilling and rewarding assignment.

Now the time has come for me to retire and to attend to my own life. I will leave the staff at the end of our parish annual meeting on February 28. Although I will no longer be here, my prayers will remain with you and Good Shepherd for always.

Lenten Meditations

Episcopal Relief & Development has Lenten Meditations for 2021. If you would like to receive the 2021 Lenten Meditations in your email inbox, please subscribe here: <https://episcopalrelief.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b78ff0ad1edb317537153e4c9&id=7f4581d53c>. These meditations are available in English or Spanish. You must opt-in to receive the 2021 Lenten Meditation emails. You can also download a PDF of all of the 2021 meditations at episcopalrelief.org/lent. The theme of the 2021 Lenten Meditations is "lament."

Wednesday Evening Book Study at 7:00 pm (2/24, 3/3, 3/10)

For our 7:00 pm Wednesday Book Study, we will explore *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, by Nora Gallagher. Gallagher is an Episcopalian and author of 5 books that “are in the tradition of Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton: the living out of faith and doubt rather than abstract belief.” This book traces not only Gallagher’s faith journey at Trinity Episcopal Church, but also touches on the ancient and new history, liturgy, and theology of the Episcopal Church. Key to this book is Gallagher’s willingness to be vulnerable and to discuss the messiness of doing church, all while the Holy Spirit leads both Gallagher and her Church. I think that we will recognize some of Gallagher’s experiences and Trinity Episcopal Church in our own lived experiences at Good Shepherd! *Things Seen and Unseen* is available on Amazon and usual book sellers. If you cannot afford to purchase the book, Father Brent will buy it for you. The Book Study is at 7:00 pm by Zoom. See you on Wednesday evenings! Brent+

Please email Linda Ross at lross@gsjax.church for the Zoom link or copy this:
ID: 719 6671 3305 Passcode: gpc9k5

Looking for Lay Weeders!

Looking for an activity during this pandemic time where you can get some exercise and even have some social interaction while practicing social distancing? Come join the Lay Weeders the First Saturday of each month in the church courtyard. Bring your gloves and any tools you choose to use. Join us **any time** between 8:00 am and 12 noon. No skills required! You may even make a new friend. Contact Debbie Conder for info or questions at (904) 343-3203.

This Old Church

Good Shepherd was prominently mentioned in the Jacksonville Historical Society’s program “This Old Church.” Jenny Cocanaugher, one of our parishioners and the author of a book on Good Shepherd, was one of the participants in the program. You can watch the Jacksonville Historical Society’s program by following this link: <https://youtu.be/OPYuzezRqls>

This Week

- Yoga – Bonnie Currie and Rhonda Bell of Lotus Yoga are facilitating vinyasa yoga classes in the beautiful Craig Hall and the courtyard, weather permitting. Members of the congregation are invited to attend at a reduced drop-in rate of \$10 per class, and all who are unable to pay are invited to join as their guests. Classes are currently held on Mondays at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm, on Wednesdays at 9:00 am, and on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Always check the calendar on the church website before planning to attend. Class times are subject to change. For more information, visit www.lotusyogajax.com or email bonnie@lotusyogajax.com or umalumina@yahoo.com. Beginners are welcome!
- St. Catherine’s Food Pantry– Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Catherine's Food Pantry. Your gifts have been gratefully received. If you have food donations, you may drop them off at the Parish Office during the week. Susan Callender will open the Forbes Street door on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm to accept donations. During February, we encourage contributors to include jelly and granola bars among the items they give.

- Moving the Margins: From Protest to Policy– Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. **Registration is required.** You are cordially invited to join co-hosts Jessie and Shawana Brooks for the first in a series of virtual conversations that aim to push forward the perspective and positions of marginalized communities in Jacksonville and beyond. The “Moving the Margins” series will center on issues around civic and community engagement, education, and philanthropy through dialogue and artful expression. Conversations will raise awareness of social justice, anti-blackness, multiculturalism, and historical and contemporary issues of our city. You can register for the Zoom conversation: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jrKnBZjFSEgkMuFwpETZzw
- Compline – The service of Compline is available on our YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. It's a reassuring way to end your day and ready yourself for the night.

Next Sunday

- Children’s Sunday School will be held via Zoom at 9:00 am. ID: 810 8285 4477 Passcode: tjB5YR
- Gospel Conversation and Coffee – Join Fr. Brent for conversation about the Gospel lesson on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom. ID: 736 3110 8366, Passcode: q5w8Ch.
- Annual Parish Meeting – Don’t forget to join us for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 28 at 11:30 am via Zoom.

Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook! We have a **new** Facebook page, “The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd– Jacksonville, Florida.” We will no longer use our old page, so please go to the new one and “like” and “follow” the page to stay in touch. <https://www.facebook.com/The-Episcopal-Church-of-the-Good-Shepherd-Jacksonville-Florida-100499022072889>

Looking Ahead

Imagining New Mission and Outreach Ministries

Good Shepherd member Russ Collins is going to lead us in imagining and discerning new mission and outreach ministries. After the removal of the Blessing Box, we have had some very good conversations about God’s call to the people of Good Shepherd. What might these ministries look like? Who will be involved? Who will we serve? What will we do? These are a few of the questions that we will explore in prayer and discussion. Please contact Russ at russcoll1@comcast.net or call him at 540-764-0367. After we have a group gathered, we will meet by Zoom and begin exploring God’s call to the people of Good Shepherd!

Good Shepherd Good Neighbors: Neighborhood Clean Up March 14 at 1:30 pm

Join us Sunday, March 14 from 1:30-3:00 pm for a Good Shepherd Good Neighbor Lenten activity – we are going to do a neighborhood cleanup! We will walk a designated part of our neighborhood and pick up trash as we go. We can be socially distanced, outside, get some exercise, and make a difference in our own neighborhood. Help us to be Good Shepherd Good Neighbors! Bring water, gloves, a hat, comfortable walking shoes, and we’ll provide the trash bags. We will meet in the parking lot of Good Shepherd at 1:30

pm on March 14. The rain date will be March 21. Please email or call Debbie Conder 904-343-3203, jconder1177@att.net if you plan to participate so that we can coordinate clean up areas!

JASMYN’s “Strides for Pride”

Attention runners, walkers, and friends of JASMYN! The annual Strides for Pride 5k is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, April 24—either virtually or in-person—to support JASMYN’s critical work of supporting LGBTQ+ youth in Jacksonville.

Good Shepherd has an official team this year! Our team name is Good Shepherd for Strides. If you would like to join our team or learn more about the race, click here: <https://raceroster.com/registration/38888/ekpbjghtwzdtfss/registrant/1> You will need to create a Race Roster account.

If running/walking the race isn’t for you, but you would still like to support JASMYN, you can help us reach our fundraising goal of \$1,000 by clicking here: <https://pages.donately.com/jasmyninc/fundraiser/good-shepherd-for-strides> JASMYN’s mission is to support and empower LGBTQ+ young people by “creating a safe space, providing health and wholeness services and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.”

More information can be found on JASMYN’s website: <https://www.jasmyn.org/strides-for-pride>. If you have any questions, contact Elyse Gustafson at elyse.m.gustafson@gmail.com or DJ Cheek at cheek.dj@gmail.com. If you would like to participate in the race, but need financial assistance, please contact the parish office at (904) 387- 4298.

Looking forward to supporting the good work of this important organization! Hope to see you there!

Blessing Box

This "blessing box" is a space for thanking those who bless our parish through their lives, as well as their prayers and work for the parish.

We give thanks to:

Fr. Brent for leading Compline;
Our readers last Sunday and on Ash Wednesday: Becky Garrison and Tom Moore;
Our organist and choirmaster, Don McCullough.

If you have a blessing to share with the congregation, email Gina Olson at golson@gsjax.church.

Attendance

Sunday Worship Number of Views
February 7 53
February 14 60

Compline Number of Views
February 10 11

Contributions

Total contributions year to date: \$38,851
Budgeted contributions year to date: N/A

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 22nd

7:00 pm 5 Spiritual Exercises: A Lenten Offering via Zoom

Tuesday, February 23rd

11:00 am Moving the Margins: From Protest to Policy via Zoom

1:00 pm Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 24th

7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

7:00 pm Book Study: *Things Seen and Unseen* via Zoom

Sunday, February 28th

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Rite I on YouTube

8:30 am 3-minute Theology on YouTube

9:00 am Children's Sunday School via Zoom

10:00 am Gospel Conversation via Zoom

11:30 am Annual Parish Meeting via Zoom

Our YouTube videos will remain available to watch after the time they premiere.

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