

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

*Please stand as the organ introduces the processional hymn.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: **Lift high the cross**

Hymnal 473

*(the service continues on p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

BCP, p. 355

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(read by all in unison)*

BCP, p. 355

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

GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSON:** Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 103:8-13** *[sung by the choir]*

Anglican Chant: S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \* nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \* so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \* so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \* so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those

who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN: Here in Christ we gather**

**Hymnal 577**

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his

lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON:

The Rev. Ron Owen

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

BCP, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ubi Caritas (sung in Latin)

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS:



The image shows a musical score for a doxology with alleluias. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-in, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-y Ghost. O— praise him, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men." The word "Refrain" is written above the second staff. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

PROPER PREFACE:

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.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

FRACTION: My flesh is food indeed

Hymnal S-169

COMMUNION HYMN: King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:

BCP, p. 365

CLOSING HYMN: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

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

VOLUNTARY Hymn improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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 Anunciación in Florida, Cuba.

We pray for those whose lives have been disrupted, or who have suffered loss, damage, or death from  
recent hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters.

We pray for those who are ill, especially for

Lee, Pat, Wilson, Grant, Dorothea, Dennis, Curry, Shirley, Charles,  
Vladimir, Patricia, Sue, Jody, Loisie, Walden, Geoff, George, Skip

We pray for strength and guidance for

Liz and Jacob, Emma, Jen, Suzie, Jeff, Dawn, Henry

We pray for those who have died.

We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially for  
Zachary, Brooker, Derek, Carrie

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week


John Bunker	9/17	Susannah Sands	9/20
Diane Bunker	9/18	Bonnie Simons	9/20
Jane Gonsalves	9/18	Parks Easter	9/22
Julie Beasley	9/20		

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Lee Permenter Moore  
by Carolyn McGovern.

The attendance on September 3, 2017  
8:00 am: 11      10:00 am: 94  
2017 Budgeted Offerings: \$395,000  
Year to Date Actual Offerings through September 12, 2017: \$271,636  
**Needed Each Week: \$7,596**  
**Received September 3, 2017: \$13,106**  
**Received September 12, 2017: \$795**

**Donations for Hurricane Relief**

Our brothers and sisters in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and perhaps elsewhere, are suffering from the effects of the recent hurricanes, and need our help. Episcopal Relief and Development is a trustworthy agency for donations to help disaster victims. Your generous support will supply critical necessities for communities immediately and for the long-term as they recover and rebuild. Gifts can be made at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now> or by using this QR code:





## Announcements

- Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd - Good morning! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this morning and we invite you to fully participate in our services. This leaflet outlines the service from the red Book of Common Prayer, including page numbers for the services, hymn numbers from the blue hymnal, scripture readings and further directions related to our services. Following the 8:00 am service we invite everyone for coffee and conversation in Craig Lounge. Following the 10:00 am service everyone is invited to coffee hour in Craig Lounge. We hope you will join us weekly at the service of your choice. Peace and blessings!

**WELCOME To Parents of Young Children: RELAX!** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They may tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priests, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but PLEASE come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember the way that we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH:** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

- Nursery - Our nursery is staffed every Sunday by Miss Seida and Miss Anela from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The nursery is located in the Toddler room of the school wing. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher who can direct you to the nursery.
- Children's Worship Activity Bags - We welcome all children during our worship services. Activity bags are provided with age-appropriate items so that children can be engaged during the service. Please don't hesitate to speak to an usher at any time during the service for these special additions provided for your children.

- Sunday School – Christian formation is essential to the spiritual development of our children. We are looking for several adults to help teach two classes, one for ages 4-6 and one for ages 7-10. The classes are planned to be concurrent with the 10:00 service, with children processing from the church after the Collect for Purity and returning in time for the Eucharist. We have chosen a curriculum that provides ample guidance and does not require extensive preparation. We want to have enough volunteers so that each person would teach no more than once per month. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please talk with Fr. Ron or Linda Ross, or call the parish office during office hours.
- New Service – We are offering a weekly midday Eucharist of Healing on Wednesdays at 12:10 pm with provision for the laying on of hands and anointing. This peaceful service offers contemplation and communion, and includes prayers for those on our parish prayer list, as well as personal intercessory prayers for those desiring them. The service will be structured to allow for all to attend during your lunch hour, and return to work in a timely fashion. Please join us for a time of quiet renewal.
- Wednesday Evening Eucharist – We have resumed our regular Wednesday evening Eucharistic service at 5:30 in the Chapel. This quiet service, with a short, reflective homily, includes Holy Eucharist, and is followed by our Adult Formation program in Craig Lounge. Please join us for this midweek time of renewal and preparation.
- Faithful Conversations – We have also resumed our Wednesday evening formation class in Craig Lounge at 6.12 p.m., following the 5.30 Eucharist. We are trying a new format for our conversation. Each session begins with a short video designed to provide a basis for conversation, and exploration of our corporate and individual journeys of faith. No advance reading or preparation is required. We only ask that you come with open minds and hearts, and join us in exploring the limitless and abundant grace we encounter in God’s Creation.
- Church Without Walls is an important ministry of presence to and with those most in the margins in our community, including those who are without housing. This ministry provides an opportunity to ‘seek and serve the Christ in others,’ especially those who may feel alone and abandoned. To assist those who may be discerning whether this is a ministry to which you are called, CWW is offering “walking alongside companioning workshops” on two dates to inform those considering this type of service. The workshops will be held at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Springfield on 9/19 and also on

10/14. If you feel you may be called to serve God and God's people in this way, Fr. Ron or Linda Ross can help you connect and be registered.

- Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry - This week we are suggesting canned items with pop top lids, peanut butter and jelly. Please note that all non perishable items are accepted and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm. Children's Chapel &  
Cherub Choir (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

12:10 pm HE and Healing Prayers (Chapel)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:15 pm Adult Formation (Craig)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
9:15 am A Sunday Conversation (Worsham)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

### The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, *Bishop*

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#### The Vestry

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Raymond Mason  
Susan Merrett

Brian Palmer  
Susannah Sands  
Mark Simons