

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29: (*read in unison*)

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

GRADUAL ANTHEM:

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Adoro Devote

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal,
thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek,
for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I would holy be;
show Thy mercy tenderly,
make me more like Thee;
separate from sin, I would
and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be
give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
help me now Thy pow'r to see,
I would be like Thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield,
be Thou my strength and shield;
let Thy word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Brent Owens

Please stand as you are able.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for our own needs and those of all nations and people upon whom the glory of God has shown in Christ, saying:

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop, Charles and Dorsey our Assisting Bishops, Brent our Rector, and Jean our Deacon, that through our words and deeds, we may be light and hope to all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this parish family, that we, like the Magi, may offer to Christ the gold of living faith, the incense of our worship, and the myrrh of compassion for others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who live and work in places of danger, for all front line workers and medical providers, those in the military, and for the leaders of the nations, especially for our president, Donald; president-elect, Joe; our governor, Ron; and our mayor, Lenny, that in this new year their hearts may yearn for the dawn of peace and the flourishing of justice.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who seek the face of God, that the light of Christ may guide them to find God's grace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all travelers, for the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those who suffer from addiction, for those with Covid-19, for the sick and the suffering, and remembering especially Tom, Sally, Will, Susan, Anne, Jack, Anita, Lynn, Jennifer, Randall, Betsy, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Pat, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, and Shirley, that in the light of Christ they may find healing, new hope and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the widespread distribution of the vaccine for Covid-19 and a rapid end to this pandemic.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who have died, that having followed the star of faith and walked in the light of Christ, they may be welcomed into your heavenly Kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest says

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

People and Celebrant

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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 Krueger, 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:

Tom and Sally McKeithen, Will Reed, Susan Brandenburg, Anne Brittle, Jack Jenkins,
Anita Hearn, Lynn, Jennifer, 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.

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 anniversaries being celebrated this week:

John and Karen Zell 1/13

We give thanks for birthdays and anniversaries being celebrated this week:

Harriet Beardsley	1/11	Linda Alexander	1/13	Wade Fisher	1/15
Emily Loftin	1/11	Steven Jockisch	1/14	Bill Strickland	1/15
Tom McKeithen	1/12	Glenn Scott	1/14		

Announcements

Good morning and welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd! We are pleased that you have joined us for a service of Holy Eucharist. This service is being recorded and will be available on our YouTube channel at 8:00 pm.

Starting Soon

- Wednesday Evening Book Study at 7:00 pm (1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 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 will be at 7:00 pm by Zoom starting on Wednesday, January 20. 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 Pass Code: gpc9k5

Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations Needed

The Vestry is seeking interested parishioners to put their names forward for election to the Vestry or to be a Convention Delegate and a Convention Alternate. The election occurs on the day of the Annual Parish Meeting, which is **February 28th, 2021**. Three candidates will be elected to 3-year terms as the terms of Dawn Russell, John Zell, and Joe Porter will be expiring. The Convention Delegate and Alternate serve a 2-year term.

1. The Vestry has charge of the temporal concerns of the Parish and works with the clergy and laity of the congregation for the furtherance of the Church's purpose. It executes all duties imposed by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church or any convention of the Diocese of Florida.
2. The Convention Delegate represents Good Shepherd at convention for the Diocese of Florida. The Convention Alternate will serve as the Delegate in the event the original Delegate is unable to attend the Convention.
3. Members of the Vestry and Convention Delegates shall be persons who are qualified voters eighteen (18) years of age or over who have been adult confirmed communicants in good standing of the parish for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the election.
4. Persons may be proposed for nomination by themselves or by any member of the Church who is an adult communicant in good standing. All interested individuals who meet the qualifications above for a member of the Vestry or for convention delegates will be on the ballot.
5. The deadline for nominations to the Vestry is January 31st, 2021. The deadline for submitting a short bio for publication to the parish is **February 4th, 2021**. There shall be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting.
6. To learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and time commitments of being a member of the Vestry, a Convention Delegate or Alternate, please contact Joe Porter at jtporter@earthlink.net or John Zell at johnzell@bellsouth.net. Alternatively, please feel free to contact any member of the Vestry and ask about serving on the Vestry.

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. For more information, visit www.lotusyogajax.com or email bonnie@lotusyogajax.com or umalumina@yahoo.com. Beginners welcome!
- Centering Prayer – The practice of Centering Prayer is led by Fr. Brent on Tuesdays from 12-12:30 via Zoom. The Meeting ID is 713 8874 2111 and the passcode is hG6y4W.
- St. Catherine's Food Pantry and the Forbes Street Blessing Box – Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Catherine's Food Pantry. Your gifts have been gratefully received. If you have food donations today, you may place them in the baskets. Susan Callender will open the Forbes Street door on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm to accept donations. **During January, we encourage contributors to include soups, stews, and chili, among the items they give.** We also continue to encourage donations of non-perishable convenience food items for the Blessing Box.
- Prayer Shawl Group – The Good Shepherd prayer shawl ministry meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the courtyard. This dedicated group gets together to knit and crochet prayer shawls and prayer blankets that are blessed and distributed to parishioners and others who may be in the hospital, or suffering “from any grief or trouble” (BCP p. 387). They also knit the baptismal blankets that we give to infants who are baptized here. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or just spending time with caring and interesting people, join them.
- Compline – The service of Compline is available on our YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. It's a reassuring way to end the day and ready yourself for the night.

Next Sunday

- Gospel Conversation and Coffee – Join Fr. Brent for conversation about the Gospel lesson on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Craig Lounge with the French doors open or virtually via Zoom. ID 756 8357 7482, Passcode 6S04Nw
- Children's Sunday School will be held in the courtyard at 9:30 am. If it rains, it will be in Betsy Lovett Hall. Everyone will wear masks and practice social distancing. Children will return to Mass at 10:00 am to join their families for the service.

"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 last week;
Our readers last Sunday: John Bunker, Becky Garrison, and Tom Moore; Our Chancel Choir and our organist-choirmaster, Don McCullough.

We give thanks to the Lay Weeders who came out last Saturday to do some weeding and trimming on the grounds: Debbie Conder, Susan Callender, Lee Edgar, Peggy Ezell, Steve Gillick, Curtis Loftin, and Sheryl Pulley.

Attendance

Mass Under the Oaks

Attendance/Number of Views

December 27 46/(81)
January 3 39/(16)

Compline Number of Views

December 30 33

Contributions

Total contributions year to date: \$500
Budgeted contributions year to date: \$5,535

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Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 12th

12:00 pm Centering Prayer via Zoom
1:00 pm Donations for St. Catherine's Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 13th

4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

Sunday, January 17th

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

9:00 am Gospel Conversation in Craig and via Zoom
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Rite II with Holy Eucharist in Betsy Lovett Hall
12:00 pm 3-minute Theology on YouTube
8:00 pm Recording of Mass Available on YouTube

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