

Welcome to  
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

10:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

## INTROIT

From the Rising of the Sun

F.A. Gore Ousley

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## GLORIA

*Celebrant and People*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** Acts 10:44-48

*Reader:* A reading from Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 98** (*sung by the choir*)

Anglican Chant: Ivor Atkins

*Cantate Domino*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **GRADUAL MUSIC**

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*Please stand.*

## **THE GOSPEL:** John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love 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

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

*Leader* Risen Lord,

*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:  
For our lives and for those whom we love,  
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,  
For our families and our friendships,  
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

*Leader* Risen Lord,

*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:  
For our clergy and our bishops, especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop John Howard, our priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson.  
For the many lay people who serve the church,  
And serve the world through the church.  
For those gather here in worship and prayer.  
Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, and for all the leaders of the nations that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of all.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. We especially pray for Lawrence, Jennifer, Russ, Ann, Brian, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Sally, Randall, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, and Shirley.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS**

*Celebrant*

Loving God, look gently upon mothers of newborn and young children, give them energy,

patience, gentleness and happiness in these fleeting days of sticky hands, messy houses and ever flowing laundry.

Bless mothers who are raising school aged children and teenagers, give them peace and joy in parenting in moments that seem both hard and wonderful all at the same time.

Bless mothers who from afar watch and wonder about their adult children, give them perspective and wisdom as their children make choices and live their own lives.

Healing God, comfort all people who mourn the absence of their mother today from death or illness or because of broken and challenging relationships.

Comfort those who had hoped to be mothers but have been unable to do so and those who continue to hope to become mothers.

Ever present God, embrace and comfort those mothers who mourn over the loss of their own children.

Gracious God, help us to recognize all the women who have guided us and loved us as mothers, foster mothers, substitutes, sage women, and caregivers, shining forth as an example of the deep love you offer each of your beloved children.

We ask all of this for your tender mercy's sake. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE DOXOLOGY** *(sung by the choir)*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>



## ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*The people stand.*

*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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**      I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord      *Land of Rest*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>

## **Participants**

The Rev. Brent Owens  
*Rector*

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson  
*Priest Associate*

Ted Centerwall  
Becky Garrison  
*Readers*

## **Altar Flowers**

Given by Yvonne Coffee in loving memory of Elizabeth Del Carmen

## **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:**

Lawrence, Jennifer Keen, Russ Collins, 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.

**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:**

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

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially**

E.G. Newsom on May 13

# Announcements

## Donating Altar Flowers

We still have available dates, including next Sunday, if you would like to provide altar flowers in thanksgiving or memory of someone. The cost is \$75. Call the parish office or email Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) if you are interested in donating flowers. Dedications and memorials will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

**Available Dates:** May 16; July 11; August 15, 29; September 12, 19, 26; October 24, 31

## Office Volunteers Needed in July

We need two or three office volunteers for the week of July 12 (July 12-15). Volunteers could work in the office from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. They would answer the phones, take messages, and collect mail as needed. If you would like to volunteer that week, please email Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) or call (904) 387-5691.

## Social Media

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# **This Week**

## **Yoga Classes**

Bonnie Currie and Rhonda Bell of Lotus Yoga facilitate vinyasa yoga classes throughout the week in the beautiful Craig Lounge 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. Check the online calendar at [gsjax.church](http://gsjax.church) for times before planning to attend. Class times are subject to change. For more information, visit [www.lotusyogajax.com](http://www.lotusyogajax.com). Beginners are welcome!

You can also email [bonnie@lotusyogajax.com](mailto:bonnie@lotusyogajax.com) or [umalumina@yahoo.com](mailto:umalumina@yahoo.com).

## **St. Catherine's Food Pantry**

Your gifts to St. Catherine's Food Pantry are gratefully received each week. If you have food donations, you may drop them off at the parish office during the week (Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:00 pm). Susan Callender will also open the Forbes Street door on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm to accept donations.

**What can you donate?** Recent donations include coffee, honey, Graham crackers, pasta, mac & cheese, juice, cereal, breakfast bars, canned veggies, chili, mayonnaise, sardines, soup, and Beefaroni. Donations of toiletries are also appreciated.

## **Prayer Shawl Group on Wednesday**

The Good Shepherd prayer shawl ministry meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the courtyard. This group knits and crochets 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 on Wednesday**

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.



## **Thank you!**

We give thanks to:

Lisa Schlegel for leading Compline last week;  
Our readers last Sunday: Paul Arrington and Homer Bliss;  
Our organist and choirmaster, Don McCullough and the Chancel Choir;  
Our Lay Weeders for their hard work maintaining the church grounds.

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

## **Attendance**

### Sunday Worship In-Person/Views

April 25	68/(38)
May 2	85/(33)

## **Contributions**

Total contributions year to date: \$140,154

Budgeted Contributions year to date: \$135,742

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

1:00-2:30 pm        Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry at Forbes Street Entrance  
(Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office during the week—Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:00 pm)

### **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm              Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 pm              Compline on YouTube

### **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day*

8:45 am              Bible Study in Craig Lounge and via Zoom

9:30 am              Children's Sunday School in the Courtyard

10:00 am             The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Betsy Lovett Hall and on YouTube

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

Please check our online calendar at [gsjax.church](http://gsjax.church) for updates.

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