

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. **There is no Sunday Nursery on March 30.**

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS

MARCH 30, 2025		APRIL 6, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> HERB WILLIAMS</p> <p><u>EUCHARISTIC:</u> NATE CIA ALFONSO</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CHILDRENS SERVICE</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> PAT PROBERT & SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>EUCHARISTIC:</u> JUDY ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> NO NURSERY TODAY CHILDRENS SERVICE</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> MIKE ALFONSO</p> <p><u>EUCHARISTIC:</u> MICHELLE MURRAY</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> JO-ANN FINN CECILY KOST</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> JUDY GOMON & RICHE BALANCA</p> <p><u>EUCHARISTIC:</u> MAURICE PARKONEN</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE</p>



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Turn Our Hearts Around”
(please remain seated)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation (please stand as you are able)

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures forever.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession (8am service only)

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus’ commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess of the ways we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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.

Absolution (8am service only)

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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 Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

**God of compassion,
you welcome the wayward,
and you embrace us all with your mercy.
By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace,
and feed us at the table of your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 *(8AM service only)*

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 32 *(8am service only)*

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 32 responsively by half verse

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶ I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (8am service only)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your

son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message *(please be seated)*

The Prayers of the People *(please stand as you are able)*

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share the sign of peace verbally with those around us. We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song:
(10AM Service)

"Count on Me"

(see page 11)



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song:
(10AM Service)

"Hosea"

(see page 10)

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"This Little Light of Mine"

(see page 8)

"This Little Light of Mine"

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1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon-na let it shine.



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1-3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

REFRAIN



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Flood our souls com-plete - ly, wash us in your love.



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Hold us in your mer-cy, change us with your love.

VERSES 1-3



1. We cry out _____ for you to heal and to set us free.
2. We have wan - dered _____ and lost our way in life's wil - der - ness.
3. We have hun - gered _____ for man - y things that are not from you.



1.-3. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.

VERSES 4-6



4. We are temp - ted and we are fooled by sin's beau - ti - ful dis - guise.
5. We have stum - bled a - long the path when we walk a - lone. _____
6. You have prom - ised and yet we doubt your _____ faith - ful word. _____



4.-6. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.

"Hosea"

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Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 ζ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
 3. ζ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
 so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*
 to your heart where I will speak.
 With ten - der - ness, ζ you shall know. *(To refrain)*
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet, OSB, b.1940
 Tune: Gregory Norbet, OSB, b.1940; arr. by Mary David Callahan, OSB, b.1923
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Verse 1

There once was a boy who went away,
He left his home one sunny day.
He took his money, he took his pride,
And thought he'd never need a guide.

Chorus

Come back home, where love is true,
No matter what, it waits for you.
Open arms, and hearts so wide,
Forgiveness always by your side.

Verse 2

He danced and played, he laughed with glee,
But soon he found, it's not so free.
His coins were gone, his friends were too,
Alone he wondered, "What should I do?"

Chorus

Come back home, where love is true,
No matter what, it waits for you.
Open arms, and hearts so wide,
Forgiveness always by your side.

Verse 3

His father saw him from afar,
Ran to him with open arms.
"My son is back!" he called with joy,
"I'll celebrate my precious boy!"

Chorus

Come back home, where love is true,
No matter what, it waits for you.
Open arms, and hearts so wide,
Forgiveness always by your side.

Outro

The son was home, and all was well,
His heart was full, no need to dwell.
For love is strong, and grace is free,
Just like the Father's love for me!



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