

# The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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!

At The Church of the Good Shepherd, we do not pass a collection plate during our Services. Please place your pledge payments or donations, in support of the ministries of the church, in the offering boxes located at the entrances of the Church. You may do this either before or after the Service. Thank you for your financial support, which allows the message of God's love and acceptance to shine forth through the ministries and services of our Good Shepherd community.

### 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.

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at [www.goodshepherdwareham.org](http://www.goodshepherdwareham.org) or scan the QR Code here.



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

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

| APRIL 27, 2025                                   |  | MAY 4, 2025                                  |   |
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| 8AM  | 10AM   | 8AM  | 10AM  |
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## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Gathering Song**  
(10am Service)

"Ye Sons And Daughters"  
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

**The Opening Acclamation** (please stand as you are able)

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Service Introduction**

**The Confession**

*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**

*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.

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith in you  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. *Amen.***

*(please be seated)*

## **First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## The Psalm 150

*Reader:* Let us recite Psalm 150 responsively by half verse

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*

**praise him in the firmament of his power.**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*

**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*

**praise him with lyre and harp.**

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*

**praise him with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*

**praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*

**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Eastertide Gospel Acclamation”

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*(please stand as you are able)*



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## **The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked out of fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)**

*Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)*

**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 Anthem:**

*(10AM Service)*

**"Big Enough"**

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# **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:** "Pray For The Wilderness" (see page 10)  
(10AM Service)

### **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:** "Alleluia! Love Is Alive" (see page 8)  
(10AM Service)

# "Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

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1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ♪ rise from your
2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ♪ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban-don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp - ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ♪ Here now is mer - cy em -
3. world! He is a - live! ♪ Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac-ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore -
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con-quered the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for



all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

# "Ye Sons And Daughters"

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1. Ye sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the
2. That night the a-pos - tles met in fear; A - midst them came their
3. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, How they had seen the
4. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; My hands, my feet, I
5. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied, He saw the feet, the
6. How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has



1. glo - rious King, O'er death to - day rose tri - umph-ing.
  2. Lord most dear, And said, "My peace be on all here."
  3. ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
  4. show to thee; Not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be."
  5. hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
  6. con - stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.
- Al-le-lu -



ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al - le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: 888 with alleluias; attr. to Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: Chant, Mode II; *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623;

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# "Pray For The Wilderness"

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*Unison*

**Chords:** Eb, Cm, Ab, Bb, Eb, Fm, Eb/G, Abmaj7, Bb, Abmaj7, Eb, Gm, Ab, Bb, Eb, Cm, Fm7, Fm7/Bb, Eb

1. Pray for the wil - der - ness, van - ish - ing fast,  
 2. Learn from the el - e - phant, ea - gle and whale,  
 3. Work for the jus - tice cre - a - ted things need,  
 4. Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,  
 5. Pray for the at - mos - phere, pray for the sea,

pray for the rain for - est, o - pen and vast;  
 learn from the drag - on - fly, spi - der and snail;  
 work for the health of each plant and its seed;  
 trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the good;  
 learn from the riv - er, the rock and the tree;

pray for the crea - tures who live in the trees,  
 learn from the peo - ple in neigh - bor - ing lands,  
 work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed,  
 trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er will grow,  
 work till Sha - lom in full har - mo - ny rings,

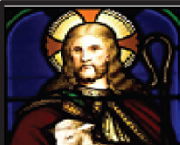
pray for the plan - et brought down by de - grees.  
 learn from the chil - dren who play in their sands.  
 work for the gar - den God's wis - dom once made.  
 trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver - flows.  
 trust the con - nec - tion of all liv - ing things.

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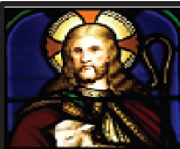


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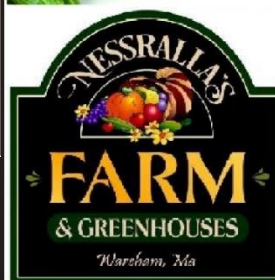
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