

# The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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!

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MAY 4, 2025		MAY 11, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

*(see page 10)*

### **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.

**Eternal and all-merciful God,  
with all the angels and all the saints  
we laud your majesty and might.  
By the resurrection of your Son,  
show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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:** Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with

the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## **The Psalm 30**

*Reader:* Let us recite Psalm 30 responsively by half verse

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
**and you restored me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**
- <sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
**his favor for a lifetime.**
- <sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
**but joy comes in the morning.**
- <sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*"  
**You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**
- <sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
**and I was filled with fear.**
- <sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**
- <sup>10</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*"  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**
- <sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
**O LORD, be my helper."**
- <sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

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**The Holy Gospel:** John 21:1-19*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread

and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

*Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 4)*

### **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 Sunday School Children Return:**     *(10AM Service)*

*"Children Are a Gift from Heaven"*

*(page 11)*

**The Announcements**                     *(please be seated)*

## **Our Sunday Offerings:**

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*ering envelopes in the book racks at the center of each pew, if you prefer to use an envelope. 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.*

**The Offertory Anthem:**  
*(10AM Service)*

**"Feed My Lambs"**

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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 Anthem:**  
*(10AM Service)*

**"Worthy Is The Lamb"**

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**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)*

**"Alleluia! Love Is Alive"**

*(see page 9)*

# "Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

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Verses

1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new;    V    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,    V    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!    V    Here now is mer-cy em-  
 3. world! He is a - live!    V    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 -

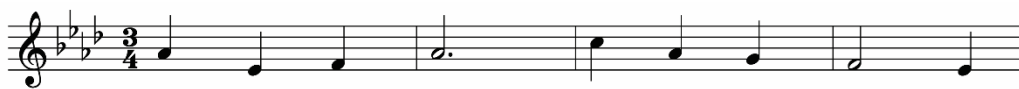
1. still. He is here!    He is here! He is a - live!  
 2. told. It is true!    It is true! He is a - live!  
 3. claims: He is Lord!    He is Lord! He is a - live!

Refrain

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

# "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2. Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3. Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es;  
 4. Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5. Cit - y of God, East - er for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 Tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 Life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 Death put a - sun - der, and East - er is bright.  
 Gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for - ev - er!  
 Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 Heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 Riv - er of life, Saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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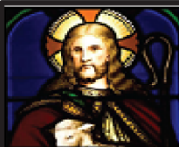
nique; God's ex - am - ple of faith's jour - ney for all peo - ple who will

seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a

dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

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