

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



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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. ***The Sunday Nursery will not be open on May 25 due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.***

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 | | | |
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| MAY 11, 2025 | | MAY 18, 2025 | |
| 8AM | 10AM | 8AM | 10AM |
| <u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM | <u>READERS:</u> SG PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE | <u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM | <u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN |
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"We Gather As One"
(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.

**O God of peace,
you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great shepherd of the sheep.
By your eternal covenant,
make us complete in everything that is good,
and everything that is well-pleasing in your sight,
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: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 23

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 23 responsively by half verse

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: “Eastertide Gospel Acclamation”

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(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. Some Jewish leaders gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"Jesus the Shepherd of My Soul"

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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:
(10AM Service)

"Shepherd of My Heart"

(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)


"Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

(see page 8)

"Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

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Verses



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!

Refrain



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!

"We Gather As One"

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1. We come here bro-ken, ♪ we come in need, ♪ search-ing for
2. All that we car-ry, ♪ all that we bear, we bring to your
3. Light of the world, ♪ re-deem-er, and friend, ♪ Al-pha, O-



1. truth, ♪ ♪ long-ing for peace. You are the an-swer, ♪ you are the
2. al-tar, we place in your care. Take all our cha-os and turn it to
3. me-ga, be-gin-ning, and end. Life-giv-ing bread, ♪ ♪ our sav-ing



1. way. ♪ Draw us to you, ♪ be pre-sent this day. ♪
2. rest. We of-fer our hearts ♪ that we may be blessed. We
3. cup, may all those who share be u-nit-ed in love. May



1. Draw us to you, ♪ be pre-sent this day.
2. of-fer our hearts ♪ that we may be blessed.
3. all those who share be u-nit-ed in love.



May we be one with you, a peo-ple of hope and truth. In



this sac-ri-fice, the bread of life u-nites us in



love. We gath-er as one.

"Shepherd of My Heart"

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Verses



1. My shep-herd is the Lord, for noth-ing shall I want;
2. If I should walk one day in - to the vale of dark-ness,
3. You a-noint my head with oil; my cup is o-ver-flow-ing;



green are the pas-tures where I'm led to re - pose.
no e - vil shall I fear with God at my side.
good - ness and kind-ness crown the days of my life.



Near wa - ters still and deep God will re - fresh my soul.
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and com-fort;
With - in the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ev - er;



I am led on-ward in ways true to the Name.
you spread a ban-quet in the sight of my foes.
with - in the house of God my soul is at rest.

Refrain



Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the



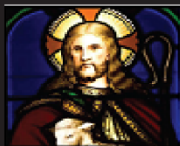
dark, in - to ev - er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and



light; keep me al - ways in your sight. May my life nev - er



part from the shep-herd of my heart.



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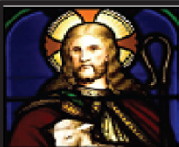
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