

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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!

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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. ***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			
MAY 18, 2025		MAY 25, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM	<u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN	<u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK	<u>READERS:</u> RICHELIS JEANNYMAN
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

"By Our Love"
(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 Lord God,
you teach us that without love,
our actions gain nothing.
Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love,
that, made alive by your Spirit,
we may know goodness and peace,
through your Son, 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were

silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Gospel Acclamation: "Eastertide Gospel Acclamation"

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(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the people now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

"Children Are a Gift from Heaven"

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Chil - dren are a gift from hea - ven, each soul trust - ing and u -
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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The Announcements (please be seated)

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"For The One"

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Jenn Johnson and Paul McClure



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:

"If You Love Me"

(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:

"To The Ends Of The Earth"

(see page 8)

(10AM Service)

"To The Ends Of The Earth"

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1. Oh, the beau - ty of the hands that reach For the
2. Oh, the mer - cy of the Sav - ior's way, Who be -
3. Oh, how sweet the fruit of the seeds we've sown When the



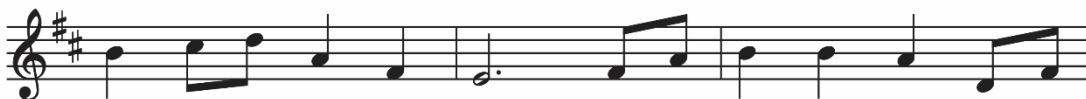
1. suf - fer - ing on the bro - ken streets, O - ver o - ceans
2. neath the weight of our sins for - gave; And who by his
3. hard - est ground yields the great - est hope. We will work the



1. wide to the hun - gry ones, With the hope of Christ in the
2. suf - f'ring re - mind - ed us We must do all things for the
3. fields till the har - vest comes, Know - ing he'll pro - vide till the



1. name of love. In the poor and weak, in the dark - est grief, Is the
2. sake of love. Could we hide our face from this sav - ing grace Or
3. work is done. We will glad - ly go where the riv - ers flow, Where the



1. fire of his heart that burns; It is him we see when we
2. turn from the truth we've heard? Oh, how blest our lives when we
3. lights of the cit - ies burn; With the heart of God, we will



1. serve the least
 2. take his light
 3. car - ry Love
- } To the ends of the earth.

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"By Our Love"

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By our love, by our love, they will know we are



Chris-tians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll



know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.



1. When we feed the hun - gry, they will know by our love,
2. Wel - come to the strang - er, they will know by our love,
3. Free - dom to the cap - tive, they will know by our love,



1. lift - ing up the low - ly, by our love, by our love. We are
2. shel - ter for the home - less, by our love, by our love. We will
3. com - fort to the bro - ken, by our love, by our love. We will



1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll



1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored.
2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each oth-er's pride.

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REFRAIN



If you love me, keep my com-mand-ments. Love one an-oth-er as I've



loved you. Live in the love that flows from the heart of God.



Live in the love that flows from the heart of God.

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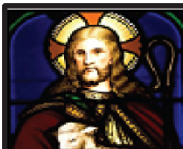


1. Live in me,	and I will live in you.	I will call you my dis - ci - ple.	Be-
2. Live in me,	and I will live in you.	I will give you liv - ing wa - ter.	Be-
3. Live in me,	and I will live in you.	I am food for ev - 'ry hun - ger.	Be-
4. Live in me,	and I will live in you.	I will nev - er leave you or-phaned.	Be-



1. lieve in me	and	speak	the Word	of	Life!
2. lieve in me	and	nev - er	thirst	a -	gain!
3. lieve in me	and	I	will be	your	bread!
4. lieve in me	and	I	will bring	you	home!

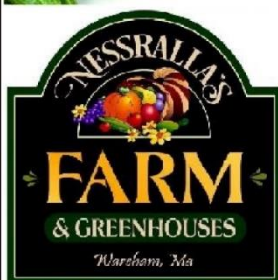
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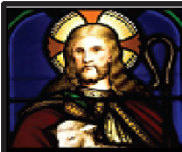
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