## The Church of the Good Shepherd



### The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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. *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 <u>www.goodshepherdwareham.org</u> or scan the QR Code here.



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

ASSISTING MINISTERS				
MAY 25, 2025		JUNE 1, 2025		
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM	
<u>READERS:</u> KARENCLARK	<u>READERS:</u> RCHELLIS JEANNMAN	READERS: CHICKMCCULLOUGH	<u>READERS:</u> JANBARTON JUDY GOVON	
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The Gathering Song

(10am Service)

"Sing, O Sing" (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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God.** 

#### The Psalm 67

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 67 responsively by half verse

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

<sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

your saving health among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 

"Eastertide Gospel Acclamation"

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(please stand as you are able)



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#### The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, `I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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 a sign of peace 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) "If We Love Him"

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(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)	"The Summons"	(see page 10)		
and have made us one with all your people in May this time of wors as we go forth to proc	us pray. ve and compassion, th Christ and one another; heaven and on earth. hip transform our hearts, laim in word and deed			
your message of love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.				
The Blessing				
<b>Dismissal</b> People's Response:	Thanks be to God.			
The Concluding Song (10AM Service)	"All That We Have Seen"	(see page 8)		



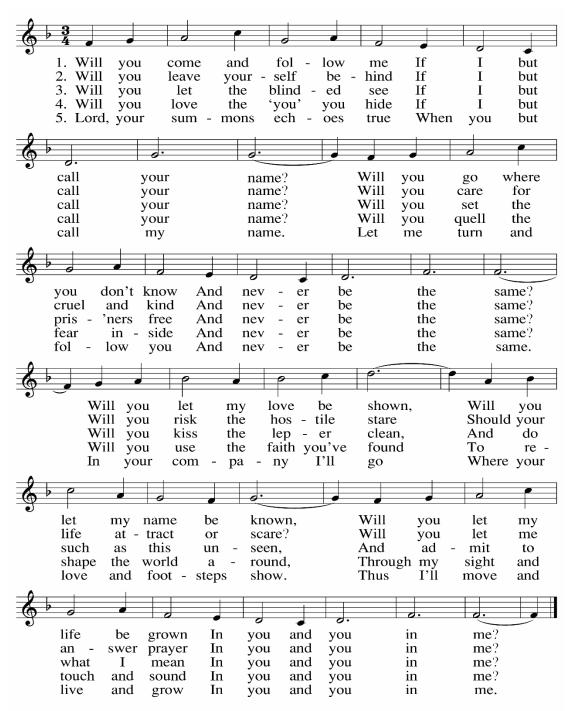
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"Sing, O Sing"



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"The Summons"



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