

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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, usually 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 be closed April 19.**

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			
April 12, 2026		April 19, 2026	
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 10)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Service Introduction

The Confession

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 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 16 responsively by half verse

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**
- ² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Eastertide Gospel Acclamation"

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(please stand as you are able)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 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 a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." 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.

(please be seated)

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!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song:
(10AM Service)

“We Come Alive”

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Cooper Ray and Sarah Hart



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)

"Let It Be A Hallelujah"

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Lauren Daigle, Jonas Myrin, & Michael Busbee

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; ♪ 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!

"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!

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