

# The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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!

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### 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.

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 3, 2026		May 10, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

“The House That Love Is Building”  
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

### **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 God,**

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Give us grace to love one another,**

**to follow in the way of his commandment of love,**

**and to share his risen life with all the world,**

**for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

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

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Reader:* Let us recite Psalm 31 responsively by half verse

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; \*  
**make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

<sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

**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 14:1-14**

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that

I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*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. 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 Announcements**

### **Our Sunday Offerings:**

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

“Cornerstone”

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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:** "I Am The Way And The Truth And The Life" (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. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Concluding Song:** "God Is With Us" (see page 8)  
*(10AM Service)*

# “God Is With Us”

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Verses



1. Go out with love, go out to serve,
2. Go out with hope, with mer - cy's hands;
3. Go out with grace, be not a - fraid,



1. go out and tell the world that God is with us.
2. go out and show the world that God is with us.
3. go out and love the world, for God is with us.



1. Car - ry your joy to all the earth;
2. To feed the sheep and tend the lambs,
3. Live in the light, the peace of Christ;



1. go out and tell the world that God is with us.
2. go out and show the world that God is with us.
3. go out and love the world, for God is with us.

Refrain



We go re-joic - ing, know-ing we are not a - lone; love



has found a home in us. We go be-liev - ing in the prom-



- ise of our God, sing-ing, “Al - le - lu - ia, God is with us!”

# "The House That Love Is Building"

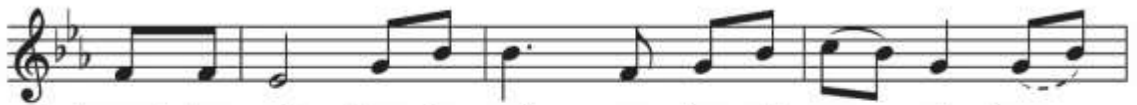
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1. In the house that Love is build - ing there is room e - nough for
2. In the gar - den Love is tend - ing there's a great and bound - less
3. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing is of pure, un - end - ing



1. all, end - less wel - come in her raf - ters, mer - cy sing - ing
2. feast, where the seeds of hope are plant - ed, and the yield is
3. light in the voic - es of her peo - ple, ris - ing to e -



1. through her walls. Here is ref - uge for all peo - ple from
2. heav - en's peace. As the field be - comes a har - vest for the
3. ter - nal skies. Now the dark - ness shall be swal - lowed by the



1. ev - ery tribe and tongue. In the house that Love is build - ing
2. man - y hun - gry ones, in the gar - den Love is tend - ing
3. Liv - ing Word of God. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing



1. there is room for ev - ery - one.
2. there's e - nough for ev - ery - one.
3. is a song for ev - ery - one.

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Refrain

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Fa - ther ex - cept through me.

No one comes to the Fa - ther ex - cept through me.

Verses

Year A	1. 7 Come to him,	a liv - ing stone re - ject - ed, but
	2. Be made a - new,	a tem - ple of the Spir - it, like
	3. Be - hold the stone	which God has laid in Zi - on. Be -
	4. To you I give,	I give a new com - mand - ment: as
	5. 7 Cho - sen,	you are a ho - ly na - tion, from
	6. An - nounce the praise	of Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, whose

1. cho - sen	and pre - cious in God's sight. _____
2. liv - ing stones	with Christ the cor - ner - stone. _____
3. lieve in him	and you shall be amazed. _____
4. I love you,	so love _____ one an - oth - er. _____
5. dark - ness called	in - to his won - drous light. _____
6. life we share	in Christ the cor - ner - stone. _____

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