

The Church of the
Good Shepherd

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

**We are delighted to worship
with you today.**

Our liturgy today is found in
The Book of Common Prayer
(the red book in the pew racks).
To help you navigate the rhythms
and cadences of our worship, just
follow this leaflet like a roadmap: the
page numbers will point you in the
right direction.

Please note also that we have
included congregational instructions
in *italics*, and congregational
responses in **bold italics**.

Our worship today will include
Holy Communion.

Here at Good Shepherd,
all are welcome at God's table.

Wherever you are on your faith
journey, you are welcome at
Good Shepherd.

We invite you to participate fully in
the life of our parish.

Nursery & Children's Bulletins

Nursery care for infants and children
up to four years of age is available
from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the
Parish Life Center located just
beyond the East Transept doors.

Our ushers are glad to help
point you in the right direction.
We welcome children to join us in
worship. Feel free to ask an usher
for our special bulletin made just for
kids ages 3 through 11.

Giving at Good Shepherd

Thank you for your contributions!

Financials as of November 25, 2019

YTD Actual Income	\$658,850
YTD Budgeted Income	\$593,175
YTD Actual Expenses	\$674,101
YTD Income vs. Expenses	-15,251

YTD Budgeted Pledges	\$465,000
YTD Actual Pledges Received	\$533,689
Pledges +/- To Date	+\$68,689

All figures are pending approval by the Finance Committee.

The Vestry appreciates all efforts to keep pledges up
to date. We will provide updates at least quarterly.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY:
THE EVE OF THE EPIPHANY**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

January 5, 2020

10:15 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Kings of Orient

setting: Wilbur Held

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Our liturgy begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How bright appears the morning star

Hymn 497

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

I bring you good news of great joy.

People

A Savior has been born. Alleluia!

Celebrant

Unto us a child is born.

People

Unto us a Son is given.

Celebrant

Alleluia! This is Christ the Lord.

People

We worship and adore him. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

setting: Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

At this time, we invite all the children ages 4 through 2nd grade to gather in the East Transept (left-hand side when facing the Altar) for Children's Chapel.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the LORD has risen upon
 you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the LORD will arise upon you,
 and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried on their

nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be
 brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Deus, iudicium



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God, *
and your righteousness to the King's
/ Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously *
and the poor with / justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to
the / people, *
and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the
/ people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the
/ oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon
en /-dure, *
from one generation to / another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the
mown / field, *
like showers that water the / earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no / more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall
pay / tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer
/ gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down be /-fore him, *
and all the nations do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
di /-stress, *
and the oppressed who has no / helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and / poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the / needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression
and / violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his / sight.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

Mary Had a Baby

arr: Ralph C. Schultz

Jennifer Seiger, mezzo-soprano

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

A period of silence is kept after the sermon.

Please stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor bids the prayers to which the people respond, saying, "Hear our prayer."

In this holy time in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Jesus. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage throughout the world.

The Intercessor adds petitions according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the splendor of the true Light that has come into the world.

Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of the Light that shines in the darkness.

The intercessor offers petitions for those serving in the armed forces.

Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the comfort of the one who has come to shepherd God's people. Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all those experiencing anxiety, depression or illness. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those we remember now.

The Intercessor adds petitions from the parish prayer list.

The Intercessor then invites members of the congregation to add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

May they know the promise of God's Son, the Savior of all. Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen them in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of the Christ Child. Lord, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the true Light which has come into the world. Lord, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises to the one who calls us into everlasting life. Lord, in your love,

Hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, by the light of a star, you led us to your Son, the Savior of all, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Guide us as you did the Magi, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

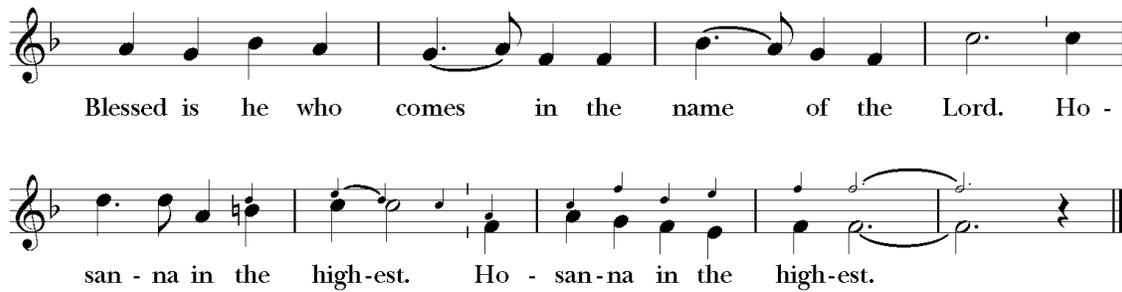
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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of Christ, and then may be seated.

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please remain standing or kneel. The celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People ***We remember his death,***
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

