



March 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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Please enter and sit in the Sanctuary quietly in reverence to our Lord and others meditating. Kindly turn off or silence cell phones for the duration of the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Time for quiet meditation

Processional Hymn (CWTL #9)

“Save Us, O Lord”

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation



Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Deacon:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sin

Deacon:

Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 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

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all 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.**

Kyrie Mass of God, Dan Schutte (all standing as you are able)

Dm Am7 Dm C Dm C

Priest (or other suitable minister) All

*Lord Jesus, you are the light of hope for those who walk in darkness: Ky - ri - e e -
 Lord Jesus, you are the mercy of God come to heal the wounds of sin: Chri - ste e -

Gm7 F Bb C Dm Am

le - i - son. Lord, ___ have mer - cy on us.
 le - i - son. Christ, ___ have mer - cy on us.

Dm Am7 Dm C All F

Priest (or other suitable minister) All

Lord Jesus, you are the comfort and strength of all who seek the kingdom of God: Ky - ri -

Am D/F# Gm Bb C Dm

e e - le - i - son. Lord, ___ have mer - cy on us.

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Genesis 15:1-12,17-18) Kaydiann Sangster

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat

three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

Psalm 27 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 **And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 **To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.**

- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.**

Second Lesson (Philippians 3:17-4:1) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of

them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Mass
Christopher Walker

Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I

desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Dcn. Bruce Cecchini

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken

through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Dcn. Bruce Cecchini

The Celebrant says:

Our Savior calls us to repent and believe the Good News. Let us pray that we will keep the covenant of our baptism in this season of grace as we respond with, Lord, have mercy.

Deacon and people read responsively:

That, led by Bishops who teach only orthodoxy, your pilgrim Church may proclaim “the Word, that is the Faith”; as we pray for Stephen, the Archbishop of York/Interim Head of the worldwide Anglican Communion; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That the leaders of nations may embrace God’s covenant of peace and justice as we pray for our own leaders, especially Donald, our President; Phil, our Governor; and, Rick, our Mayor.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That, during this holy season of Lent, we may recognize the crucified Christ as the only power and wisdom of God.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we will renew our baptism through a humble confession of our sins.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That Christ might grant the special intentions of this church, as we pray for:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All expectant mothers and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially George Makin, Dorothea Sewter, Brad Hanson, and Lee Mencl.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters *especially those of the North Sea ships accident and the Guatemalan volcano eruption.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Juan Guemes.*
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

- Silence -

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That Christ will bring our dead to eternal life, *especially Bruce Jennings.*

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Let us pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven

and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, we come before you confident that you hear us, through the new and eternal covenant, of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing (*please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested*).

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

- **Adult Faith Formation & Upcoming Midweek Services:**
 - **Bible Study Course: St. Luke: the Story of Salvation Fulfilled.** This Wednesday at **10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Stations of the Cross in Lent:** This and every Friday in Lent. **10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
- The **Lent/Easter letter and envelopes** are in the back for pickup. **Flower memorial** requests are due **April 6, 2025.**
- **ECW Homemade Soup Sale** is **next Sunday, March 23, 2025, after service.** \$5.00 per pint, \$8.00 per quart.
- **Fourth of July Parade:** If anyone is interested in being part of a float to help promote our church, please see Pat Schaffer.

- **Sign-Up Sheets and Forms** in the back
 - **Lay Readers**
 - **Good Shepherd Ambassadors**
 - **Memorial Pavers**
 - **Prayer Request**
 - **Atco Group of Churches Lenten Program/Luncheon**, every **Tuesday at noon** during Lent at the Atco Methodist Church (2128 Atco Ave, Atco). Good Shepherd is sponsoring the luncheon on **March 25**. We are looking for rolls/bread, salads, and soups if anyone would like to contribute.
- **Fundraisers:**
 - **50/50 Cash Raffle** tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. Drawing is **July 13, 2025, at 11 a.m.** here at the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets and let us make this another successful fundraiser.
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.
 - **Save the Date: Basket Auction and Luncheon, Sunday, October 26, 2025.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (1982 Hymnal #149)

“Eternal Lord of Love”

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
 Through your goodness we have this bread to
 offer, which earth has given and human hands

have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus (JMT #3)

(sung together, all remain standing as you are able)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate accompaniment. The score is divided into two main sections: the Sanctus and the Benedictus. The Sanctus section includes a double bar line and a repeat sign with first and second endings. The Benedictus section also includes a double bar line and a repeat sign with first and second endings. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er, God of pow - er and might, the heav - ens and the earth are full of your glo - ry - Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - high - est."

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The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.” ✠

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

The image shows a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may

faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace.

At the last day bring us with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your Saints, into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of The Bread

Fraction Anthem S-172

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.

For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the
faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God (Songs For Worship No.3)

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

Slowly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy, grant, us grant us your peace. Have peace.

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Celebrant:

☒ Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn (1982 Hymnal #152) *“Kind Maker of
the World”*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; and may our blessed Lady, Saint Joseph, and all the saints pray for you. And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

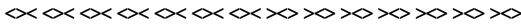
The Dismissal *Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (1982 Hymnal #167) *“There is a Green
Hill Far Away”*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***



Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for brunch immediately following the service.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC
Celebrant

The Rev. Bruce Cecchini
Deacon and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Eucharistic Minister

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Kaydiann Sangster
Margaret McCafferty
Lay Readers

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Jonathan DeMaria
Andrew Miller	Joseph Hodges
Carter Smyth	Keith Taylor
Charles Devoll	Mason Smiley
Dalton Anders	Roman Mealey
David Daniels	Ted Chavis
Dave Niglio	
Dominique Trappey	
Felix Perez	
Francois Trappey	<u>Expectant Mothers and their Babies</u>
Jacob Listman	Camille Bartnikowski (June)
Jessica Smyth	
Jimmy Sheridan	

Comfort & Healing

Barbara Alber	John Rankin	Warren Macdonald, Jr
Barbara MacLeod	Joyce Foster	
Barbara Peters Villari	Judi Hathaway	
Bernice Finkbeiner	Linda Mulero	
Betsy Richards	Mary Corson	
Bob Nottle	Mary Smith	
Carlos Guemes	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Corin King	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Dave McMichael	Pat Knott	
Dona Smith	Paul Williams	
Donna Vandy	Regina Listman	
Edna Krug	Richard Mealey	
Gary Spinelli	Ricky Beam	
Hailey Mikula	Robert Huster	
Jack Rogers	Robert Kebler	
Jason	Tom Knott	
Jerry Hathaway	Sheila Williams	
John Collier	Stefanie Brown	