



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

An open church for a changing city

Holy Eucharist (Proper 21 - Year A)

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 10am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lauren Lukason

Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Participation in today's liturgy is possible using this worship leaflet, and *The Hymnal 1982* located in the pew racks. You may also use *The Book of Common Prayer* also located in the pew racks referencing the page numbers in this leaflet.

Entrance Rites / *BCP* p. 355

Prelude: Hungarian Pastoral Fantasy – molto andante, Doppler

Processional Hymn

Voices Found, #126 – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (p. 22-23)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Gloria

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

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

King, al - might - y 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.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please be seated.)

The Word of God

First Reading – Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So, Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Lector The Word of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in
you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of God.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #686 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (p. 24)

Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So, they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you; the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please be seated)

The Homily – The Rev. Lauren Lukason

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #249 – Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; In -
cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Words: George Whelpton (1847-1930). Music: George Whelpton.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

As a priestly people, chosen by God as a holy nation, we offer prayers for the whole world and for every person in every need.

Intercessor

Gracious One, for freedom Christ has set us free, that through love, the members of the Church may become servants to one another. *Guide us, Holy Spirit, that we may dwell in you.*

Almighty One, raise up able rulers and prophets to heal ancient prejudices and to foster hospitality among people, that all humanity may be led into the ways of justice and peace. We pray that the leaders of all nations may turn to you as they serve the needs of the vulnerable and weak, seeking truth over falsehood, compassion over cruelty, dignity over mockery. *Guide us, Holy Spirit, that we may dwell in you.*

Loving One, expand your gift of freedom throughout the world and inspire all people everywhere to accept your call to love our neighbor as ourselves. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

Compassionate One, fill this community with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, that we may be a blessing among all with whom we live. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

Be with us in this community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

We cry aloud to the One who will hear us, praying especially for Sue McInerny, Allan Werner, the Cubberly family, Dorothy, Barbara Boynton, Beth, the Scott and Dwoske families, and those on our prayer list. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

Hear our prayers of grateful gladness as we give thanks for the blessings in our lives. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

We rejoice and give thanks for God's many blessings, especially for William Merigold and all those celebrating a birthday this coming week. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

Through your endless love, O God, we have life: take into Christ's resurrection life, those who have died, especially Cliff Akers in whose name the altar flowers have been given by Cindy Akers, that your will for them may be fulfilled. *Guide us, Holy Spirit; that we may dwell in you.*

Let us continue our prayers with a Prayer for Transition.
Together we pray:

Dear Lord, we come to You in this season of transition, feeling the weight of the change pressing upon us. As this chapter closes, we thank you for the lessons learned, the strength gained, and your steadfast presence through it all.

We ask for the grace to release what no longer fits, to lay down the attachments, hurts, and worries that we have carried. Help us to close this door fully, trusting that You are already opening a new one.

Give us the courage to move forward with thankful hearts, embracing the unknown, knowing that You are guiding us towards a better future. Strengthen our spirit, give us clarity of purpose, and help us to walk into this new season with peace and joy.

We trust in Your perfect timing and your unchanging love. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Celebrant: In silence or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today?

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Let us confess out sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Confession of Sin

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.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also, with you.

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Offertory Sentence

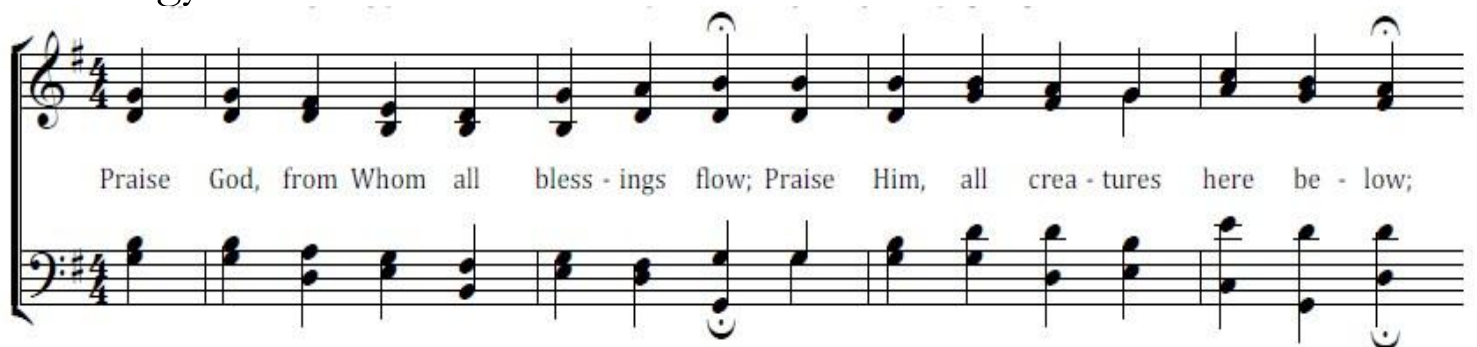
Celebrant The offering received is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the blessings of this life. It supports our parish ministry and service to the community.

Offertory Anthem

Across the Lands You're the Word of God

(Please stand)

Doxology





Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B / BCP p. 367



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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

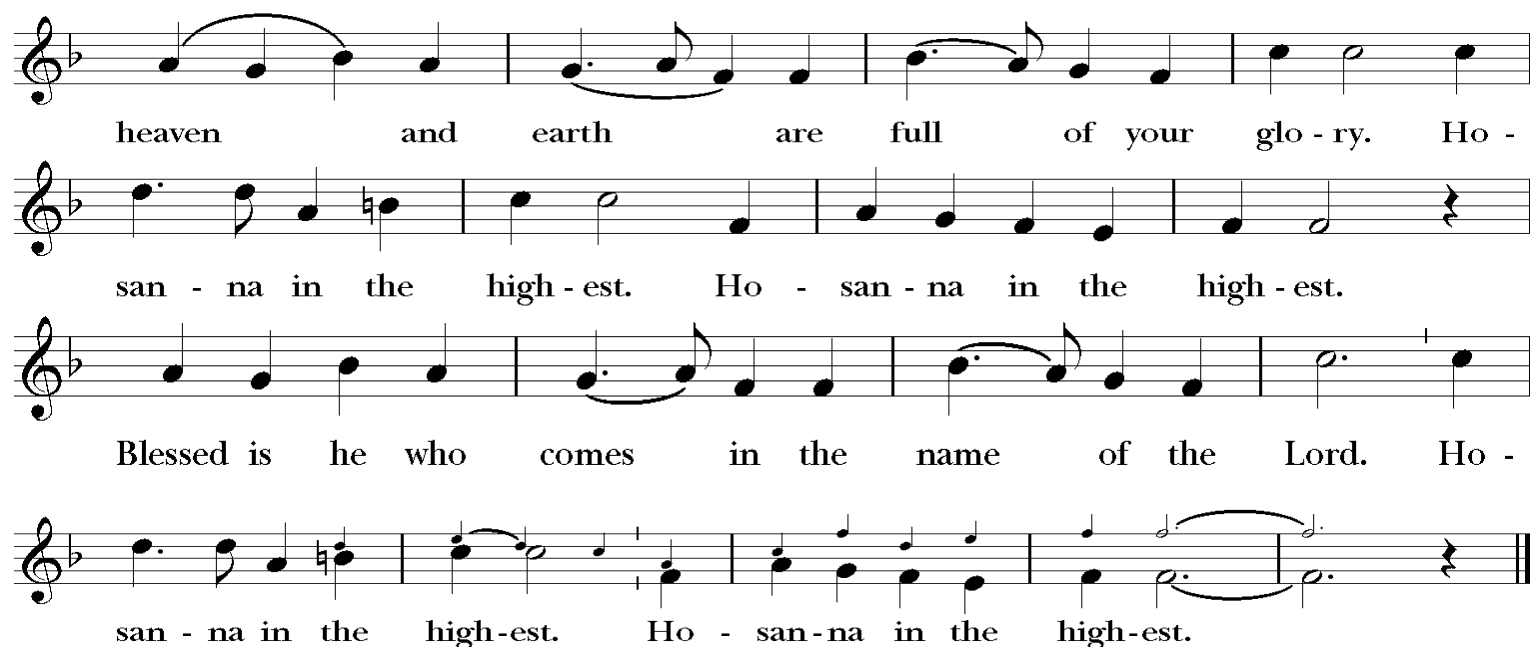
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

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:

People and Celebrant



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



(You may kneel, sit or stand.)

Celebrant

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 and Celebrant

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

Celebrant

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 forever.

People and Celebrant



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer / BCP p. 364

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

People and Celebrant

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 on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Jesus says, "Come and see." Every person is welcome to receive the Eucharist.

If you prefer a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like communion brought to you, please remain at your seat and raise your hand. (Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.)

Post-communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #574 – Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel (p. 25)

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Let us pray.

**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.**

Blessing

(Please stand)

Recessional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #344 – Lord, Dismiss Us (p. 26)

(Please be seated)

Announcements

(Please stand.)

Dismissal

*Celebrant Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve
God and God's people. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!*

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude: Thorn Birds, Mancini

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for worshipping at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.
Good Shepherd is a community of people who strive with joy and gratitude to
love and serve God and each other within the parish, the larger Attleboro
community, and the world.

We are down-to-earth, spiritually-grounded, and prayer-filled people diverse in
age, income, ability, family structure, sexuality, and education and work
background.

You are welcome here. God loves you. Come and see!

In addition to the worshipping community, Good Shepherd is also home to One
Family: A Mission of Unity, Twinkle Little Star daycare, a weekly Al-Anon
meeting, and a weekly Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance (DBSA)
meeting. Good Shepherd is glad to share space with these religious, educational,
and social service organizations.

Today's Liturgical Participants

VPOD: Daniel Connors

Lector of 1st Reading: Katrina Mosher-Howe

Psalmist: Nancy Pineo

Lector of 2nd Reading: Suzette Jacques

Intercessor: Daniel Connors

Crucifer / Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Pineo

Director of Music: Robert Lambe

Flute: Jennifer Lambe

Choir: Ginny Bliss, Debbie Bordne, Sydney Lambert*, David Lockhart, Kay Standifer, Deb
Whelan, Mel White

*Section leader/technical support

Presider: The Rev. Lauren Lukason

Altar Flowers This week's flowers are given in memory of Cliff Akers by Cindy Akers. If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please contact Cyndee Williams at (508) 409-8381 or cyndeewi6@verizon.net. A minimum donation of \$25.00 would be greatly appreciated. There are also a sign-up sheet and envelopes for payment on the white bulletin board in the parish hall.

Birthdays We give thanks for William Merigold, and all those celebrating a birthday this week. If you would like to be added to the parish birthday list, please call or email the parish office with your name and birthday (month and day only).

Prayer List In your prayers, please remember Sue McNerny, Allan Werner, the Cubberly Family, Dorothy, Barbara Boynton, Beth, and the Scott and Dvoske families. The prayer list is updated monthly. If you would like someone to be added to or kept on the prayer list, please contact the parish office (by phone or email) each month, or leave a note in the offertory.

Parish Reading Group – October 4, 2026 following morning liturgy

Reading Group meets next on Sunday, October 4th in Parish Hall immediately following morning liturgy. We are reading *The Witches of Cambridge* by Alice Hoffman. Everyone is welcome to join us for conversation and a light lunch. You don't need to read the book to participate.

One Family: A Mission of Unity – Saturday, October 17, 2026

We appreciate donations of dish soap (15 oz.), laundry soap (48 oz), paper towels, and 4-roll packages of toilet paper.

Vestry and Finance Committee – October 19, 2026

The next meeting will be on October 19, 2026 in the parish hall.

Elder Ministry – October 31, 2026

Elder Ministry meets Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 10:30 AM in the parish hall. Bring your in-progress projects. Yarns, patterns, hooks, knitting needles are available.

Good Shepherd Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle prays for the ministries of Good Shepherd Church (Vestry, Choir, Altar Guild, etc.). We meet the first Saturday of the month from 9:00-10:00 AM on Zoom. To join, go to zoom.com Meeting ID: 83294667617 Passcode: 440433. The following are upcoming dates for Prayer Circle:

Oct. 3, 2026	Jan. 2, 2027	Apr. 3, 2027
Nov. 7, 2026	Feb. 6, 2027	May 1, 2027
Dec. 5, 2026	Mar. 6, 2027	Jun. 5, 2027

Please pray about joining us! Prayer is the foundation of the church. Join us and find the peace of Christ. If you have any questions please contact Mickey Fournier at nallanf@aol.com or (508)406-1724.

2026 Pledges and Donations

We are now legally merged, so please follow the instructions below for your pledges and donations.

By check- Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. You can place your check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to Good Shepherd at 121 North Main Street, Attleboro.

Online by check or credit card - Please go to the Good Shepherd website at: <https://www.goodshepherdepiscopalattleboro.org/> and look for Support All Saints link on the left-hand side of the page. Perhaps the easiest way to the website: [goodshepherdepiscopalattleboro.org](https://www.goodshepherdepiscopalattleboro.org/) - You will see our altar decorated for Christmas on page one so you will know you are at our webpage.

Daily Readings for September 28, 2026 – October 3, 2026

Don't have a Bible? New International Version paperback Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Mon, September 28: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14

Tue, September 29: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21

Wed, September 30: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

Thurs, October 1: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23

Fri, October 2: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Sat, October 3: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52

Severe Weather and Church Cancellation

In the event of severe weather that may impact church services, the church answering machine, website, and Facebook page will have official notice of cancellation by 8:30am.

Accessing In-Person Worship Remotely

To stream worship online, please go to Good Shepherd's Facebook page, type in: Facebook Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of the Attleboros.

Upcoming Liturgy Schedule for September and October

Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist – The Rev Lauren Lukason

Support Local Food Pantries If you would like to help support two local food pantries, the Hebron Food Pantry in Attleboro and Lenore's Pantry in North Attleboro, a detailed Shopping List is available on blue paper in Parish Hall. The usual donations are always welcome! We will have a basket and table available for your gifts.

Local Food Resources for Adults and Children

Food n' Friends FREE Meals To-Go

- VFW Post 115 / American Legion (122 Park Street): Mon-Fri at 4:30pm
- Centenary United Methodist Church (15 Sanford Street): Saturdays at 11am
- Foxboro Food Pantry (35 Neponset Ave): 2nd Tue of the month, 11am-2pm
- First Baptist Church, Mansfield (52 N. Main St): Tuesdays at 4:30pm
- First Baptist Church, North Attleboro (75 Park St): Wednesdays at 4pm

Local Food Resources – PANTRIES

- Hebron Food Pantry (40 Emory Street): Mon-Fri by appointment
- St. Joseph's Food Cellar (71 Linden Street): Fri 6-7pm
- Murray UU Church (505 N. Main Street): Mon & Thurs 9:30-11:30am
- St. Theresa's Food Pantry (18 Baltic Street): Wed 9:30-10:30am
- Second Congregational Church (50 Park Street): Last Monday of the month from 3-5

Parish Information

Clergy	<i>The parish is in search for a new Clergy</i>
Senior Warden	Lyn Darling – 508-944-9770
Junior Warden	Nancy Pineo
Treasurer	Evelyn Sanford
Clerk	Marian Côté
Vestry Members	Cindy Akers, Dan Connors, Colleen Gagnon, Suzette Jacques, Bob Lanpher, Brendan McIntyre,
Parish Administrator	Lorna Noren – office@allsaints-episcopal.org

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm

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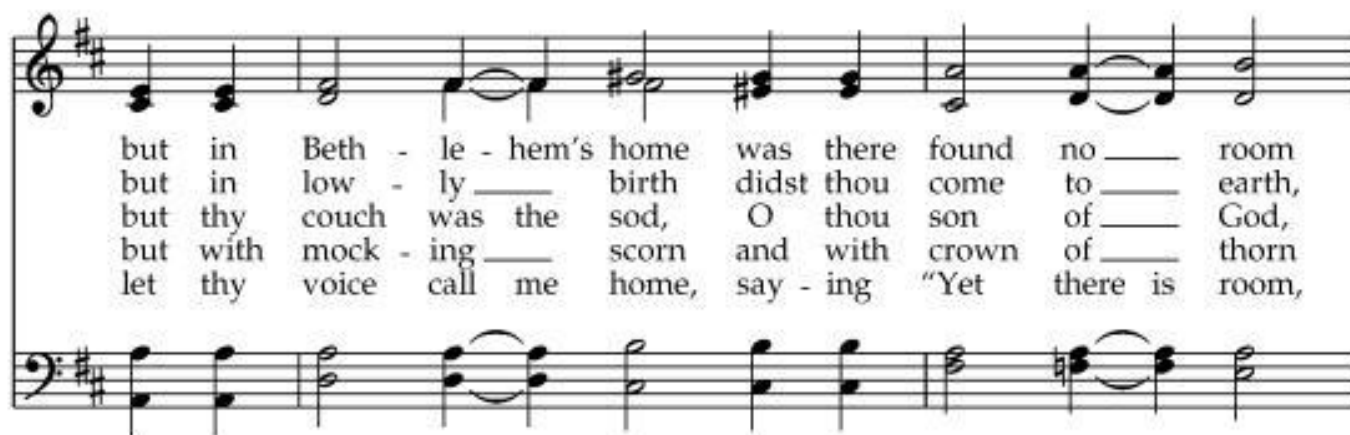
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne



1 Thou didst leave thy — throne and thy king - ly — crown,
 2 Hea - ven's arch - es — rang when the an - gels — sang,
 3 The — fox - es found rest, and the bird had its nest
 4 Thou — camest, O — Lord, with the liv - ing — word
 5 When the heavens shall — ring, and the an - gels — sing,



when thou camest to — earth for me;
 pro - claim - ing thy royal de - gree;
 in the shade of the ce - dar tree;
 that should set thy — peo - ple free;
 at thy com - ing to vic - to - ry,



but in Beth - le - hem's home was there found no — room
 but in low - ly — birth didst thou come to — earth,
 but thy couch was the sod, O thou son of — God,
 but with mock - ing — scorn and with crown of — thorn
 let thy voice call me home, say - ing "Yet there is room,



for thy ho - ly na - ti - vi - ty:
 and in great hu - mi - li - ty:
 in the de - sert of Gal - i - lee:
 they — bore thee to Cal - va - ry:
 there is room at my side for thee:"

Refrain

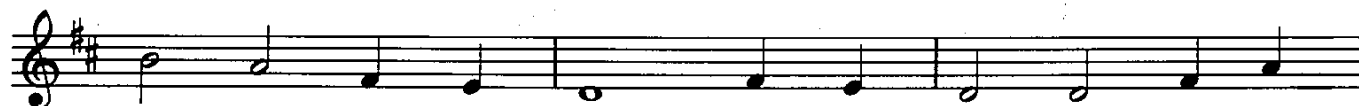
O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus;

there is room in my heart for thee.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



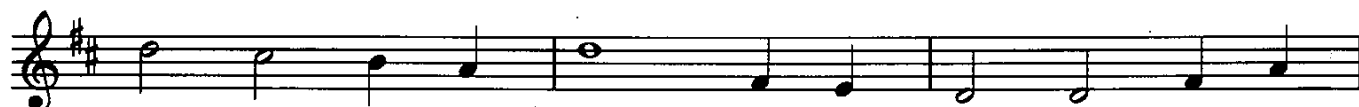
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



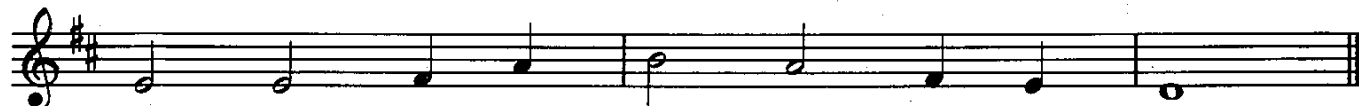
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new-born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.
 Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

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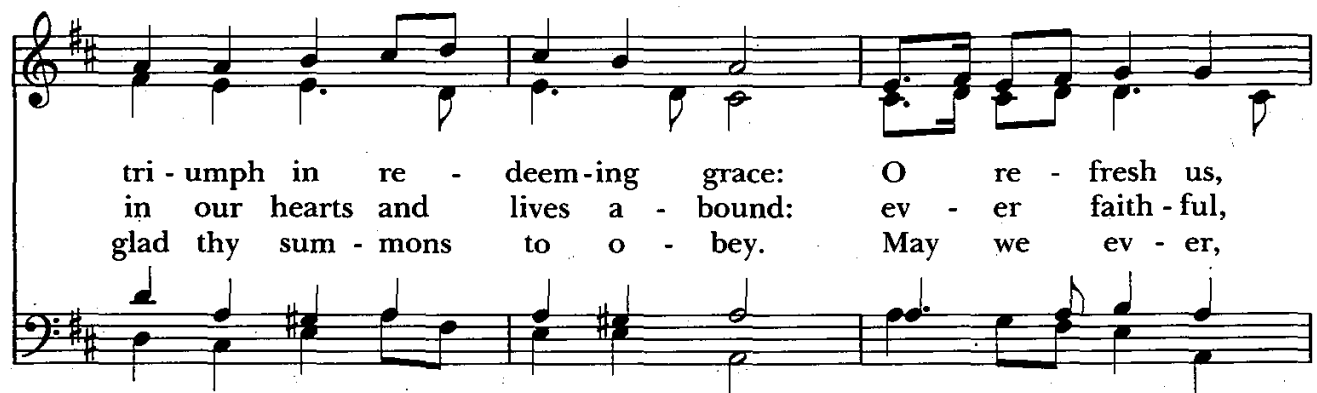
Lord Dismiss Us



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published
The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

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