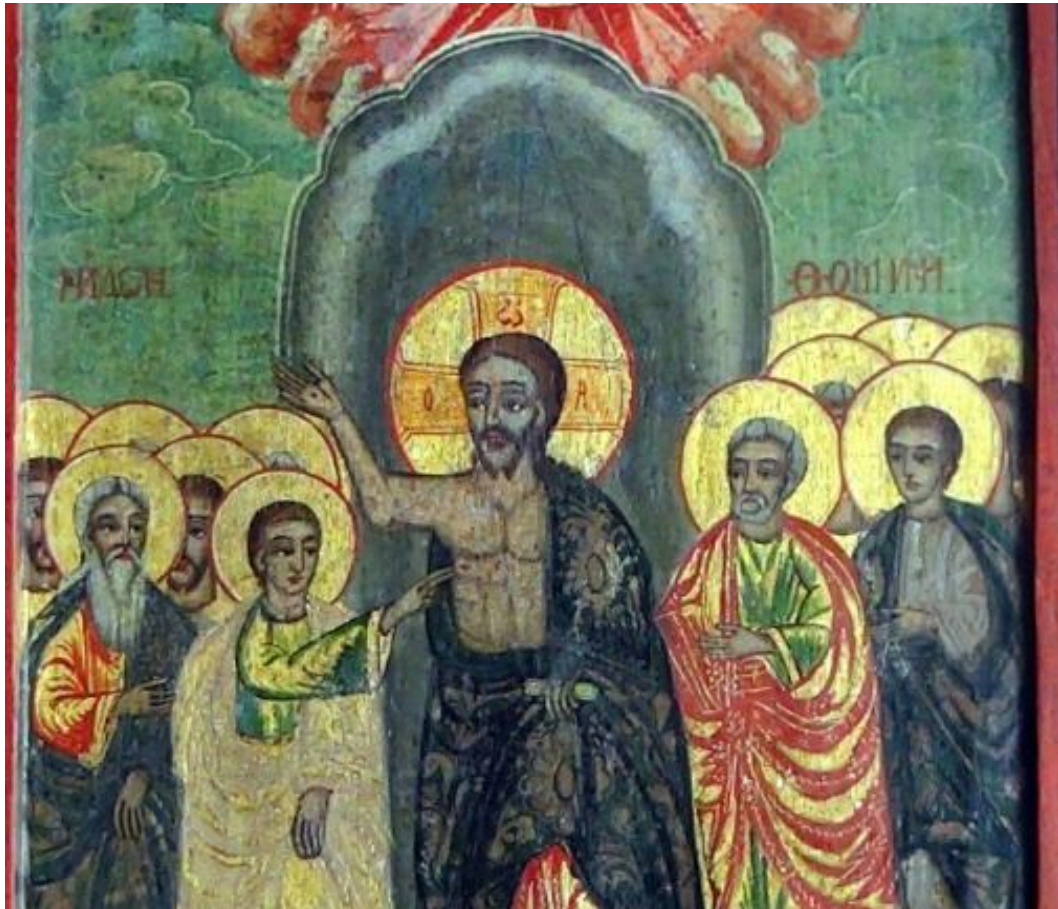


# Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS



*Week of Thomas - Traditional Eastern Orthodox religious icon, 18th Century*

## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

April 12, 2026 - 10:00AM

### **HOLY BAPTISM AND CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I**

**Voluntary** *Andante (Sonata IV)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The bell rings to signify the hour.*

*All stand for the Processional Hymn.*

**Processional Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #205*

*Gelobet sei Gott*

“Good Christians all rejoice and sing”

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Common Prayer 299*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### The Gloria

*The Hymnal 1982 #S 202*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

*The Book of Common Prayer 172*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

*The people sit.*

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."

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

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.

## **The Second Lesson**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #206*

*The people stand.*

*O filii et filiae*

“O sons and daughters let us sing”

## **The Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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

*People*

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 for fear of the Jews, 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



## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Cantor leads the following petitions; the people respond by singing "Lord, hear our prayer":*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.



Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Evelyn Jane, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The newly-baptized person receives a Baptismal candle lighted from the Paschal Candle. The Celebrant then prays over her, saying*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The Procession moves to the front of the church, as all sing "Alleluia" to the tune Westminster Abbey:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
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*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

Evelyn Jane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Peace

*The people stand.*

*The Book of Common Prayer 332*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

# The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

The Reverend Dr. James A Weldon, Jr., twelfth Rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, addresses the congregation with these words

On the 1st day of June, 2016, I began my tenure of ministry in this place. On the 18th day of October, 2016, I was inducted by the Rt. Rev'd Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, as rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, to begin as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary, North Carolina.

A person appointed leads each of the following collects. The people respond, amen.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past. **Amen.**

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. **Amen.**

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. **Amen.**

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. **Amen.**

Silence

The Rector concludes with the following collect.

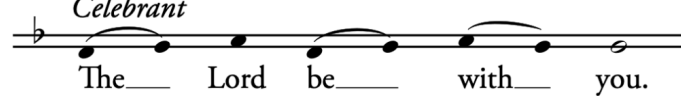
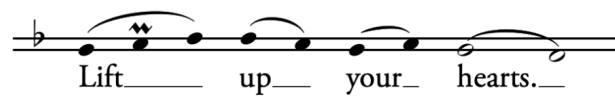
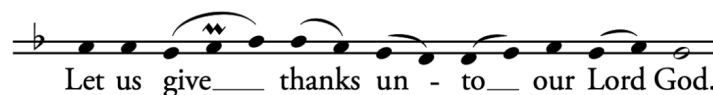

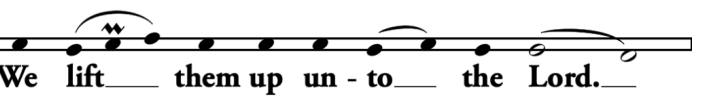
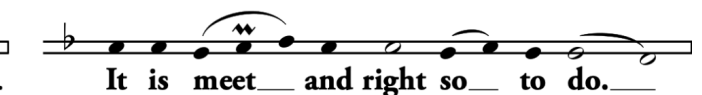
Now, we pray, be with us who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory *Blessed be the God and Father*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

### The Great Thanksgiving

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>  <p>Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And with thy spirit.</p>  <p>We lift them up unto the Lord.</p>  <p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>
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The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

“Holy, holy, holy” *Sanctus*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,*

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

**“Our Father”** *The Lord's Prayer*

*The Book of Common Prayer 336*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

**The Easter Confractorum**

*The Hymnal 1982 #S 171*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;  
 there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*All repeat the refrain after the cantor and where indicated*

*The Hymnal 1982 #S 171*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one Bread. **Refrain**

**The Presentation and Invitation**

*We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.*

**During the Administration of the Sacrament**

**Anthem** *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)

**Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #209*

*St. Botolph*

“We walk by faith”

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer 339*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

“This joyful Eastertide”

**The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!\_\_\_\_\_

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!\_\_\_\_\_

**Voluntary** *Adagio-Vivace (Sonata IV)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Parish Notes for The Second Sunday of Easter**

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for **The Weldon Family** by the Parish of the Good Shepherd.

**Coffee Hour** – In the Common Room with today's hosts **Charlie and Jean Mixer**

**This Week at Good Shepherd:**

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Holy Baptism with Choral Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed Coffee Hour Follows
	5:30 PM	Celtic Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Farewell Celebration for the Weldons in the Common Room
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

**Serving in the Liturgy today:**

**Jeremy Southgate** – Lector/Usher; **Troy Bracher** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Mike Yeh** – AV Tech; **George Bracher** – Crucifer; **Ella Weldon** – Thurifer; **Miles Scott and James Weldon, III** – Torch Bearers; **Charlotte Baker, Louisa Younkin and Theo Younkin** – Oblation Bearers; **Marilyn Crone and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. Jay Weldon – Celebrant and Preacher  
The Reverend Paul Kolbet – Assisting Priest

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector  
The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet, Priest Associate  
Andrew Sheranian, Organist/Choirmaster  
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