

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Last Sunday After Epiphany
February 15, 2026 - 10:00AM



CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I
The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Prelude Prelude in G major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The People stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #618

Lasst uns erfreuen

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 323

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

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

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

BCP 323/4

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 165

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 99:1-5, 9 *Dominus regnabit*

Anglican Chant by David Hurd

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
2 The Lord is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.
3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #129**Mowsley*

“Christ upon the mountain peak”

The Gospel*The People stand.*

Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****The Sermon***The People sit.***The Nicene Creed***The People stand.**The Book of Common Prayer 326*

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.**

The Prayers of the People*The Book of Common Prayer 389**Lector* We pray to you, O Lord,*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Confession*The People kneel.**The Book of Common Prayer* 331

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against thee
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
 to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

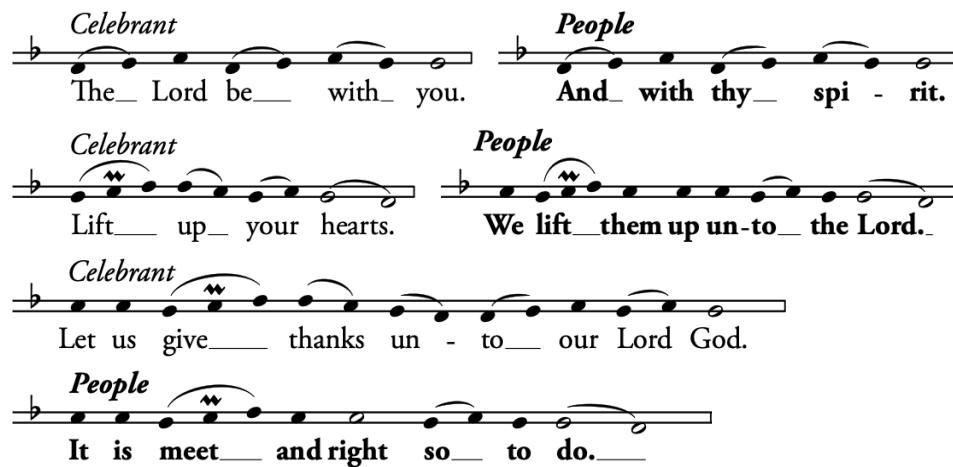
Absolution and Comfortable Words*The Book of Common Prayer* 332**The Peace***The Book of Common Prayer* 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence**THE HOLY COMMUNION****Offertory Anthem** *Lift up your heads*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)*The Book of Common Prayer* 340

Celebrant *People*


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*The Hymnal 1982* #S 114

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. 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

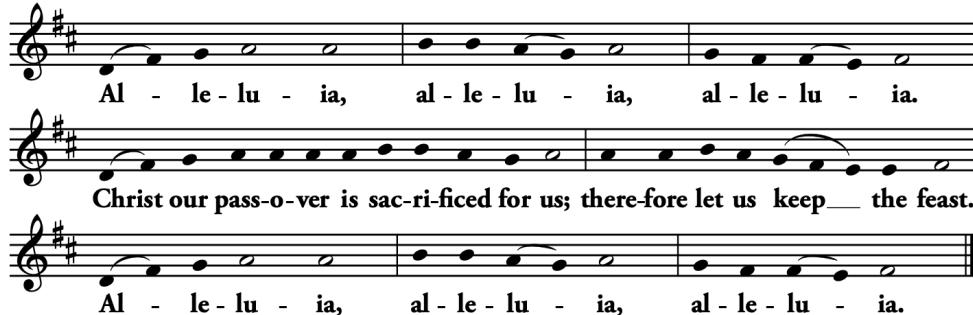
Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

“Our Father” The Lord’s Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 336

The Breaking of the Bread



Three staves of musical notation in G major, 2/4 time. The first and third staves show the Alleluia chant: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the text of the Lord's Prayer: "Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast." The notation consists of quarter notes and eighth notes connected by horizontal lines.

“O Lamb of God” Agnus Dei

The Hymnal 1982 S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Presentation and Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

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 *Darkness Is No Darkness*

Margaret Burk

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #137

Wareham

“O wondrous type!”

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 339

Celebrant and People, kneeling

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.

The Blessing

The people stand for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #619

Martins

“Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise”

The Eastertide 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 Improvisation on The Eastertide Dismissal

Parish Notes for The Last Sunday After Epiphany

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts

Sarah Kupovskykh

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed Coffee Hour Follows
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 PM	Choral Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

Shrove Sunday “Dimanche Gras” Pancake Party and Palm Burning - Shrove Tuesday falls during school vacation this year, instead we celebrate Shrove Sunday today with a decadent Coffee Hour, pancake races, burial of the Alleluia for Lent, and the burning of blessed palms from last year's Passiontide.

Adult Forum Lenten Series: Perspectives on Sin and Redemption

Feb 22 Augustine and Sin: It's Both Better and Worse than You Think, with Dr. Jonathan Teubner (Harvard)

Mar 1 J.S. Bach's St John Passion: conception, reception, and musical highlights, with Andrew Sheranian, Organist & Choirmaster

Mar 8 Parodic, perverse, and profoundly subversive: Dante's Varieties of Sin & Evil, with Dr Rachel Teubner, Director of Christian Education

Mar 15 Sacramental Confession for Episcopalians, with Kristen Filipic (Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross)

Mar 22 Faith, Hell, and Fear: On Guilt Both Good and Bad, with Dr James Oldfield (Boston College)

St. Patrick's Ceilidh (kālē) Celebration – Sunday, March 15th at 6:30PM. Ceilidh (kālē) is the traditional social dance of Scotland and Ireland; think square dancing with live music! No experience or partner is necessary. Invite friends who might enjoy the bi-weekly Celtic Eucharist. Come for the service, stay for the party! Please RSVP to Covie Edwards-Pitt (covie_ep@hotmail.com). And feel free to wear green!

Music Minute – Today's communion anthem was written by American composer, vocalist, and conductor Margaret Burk, currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Serving in the Liturgy Today:

Barbara Wood – Usher/Lector; **Rachel Teubner** – Subdeacon(s); **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Chalice Bearer; **Sarah Kupovskykh** – Intercessor; **John Chase** – AV Tech; **Ella Weldon** – Crucifer; **James Weldon III and Ella Teubner** – Torch Bearer(s); **TBD** – Atrium Asst(s); **Vivi Leavy and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. James Weldon – Celebrant and Preacher

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