

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

*The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

February 8, 2026 - 10:00AM



*Stained glass depicting the Lamb of God, Matthias Church in Budapest, Hungary*

## CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 323*

**Prelude** Selections from *Suite du deuxième ton* Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

*The People stand as the bell tolls.*

**Processional Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #126* Dundee

“The people who in darkness walked”

## 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 164*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson**

*The People sit.*

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 112:1-9, [10] *Beatus vir***



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the / Lord \*  
and have great delight in his com- / mandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be / blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their / house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for / ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com- / passion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in / lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with / justice.

6 For they will never be / shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re- / membrance.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #457*

*St. James*

"Thou art the way"

## The Gospel

*The People stand.*

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 *Love bade me welcome*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

### The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)

*The Book of Common Prayer 340*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**“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** *Steal away*

arr. Patrick Dupré Quigley (b. 1978)

**Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #314*

*Adoro devote*

“Humbly I adore thee”

## **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 #497*

*Wie schön leuchtet*

“How bright appears the Morning Star”

## **The Dismissal**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Parish Notes for The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God by **Marilyn Crone** in Loving Memory of Marian and Donald Munson

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

**Joe and Alison Corkery**

### **This Week at Good Shepherd:**

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed
		Coffee Hour Follows
	11:45 AM	Adult Forum in the Loring Room and on ZOOM
	5:30 PM	Celtic Eucharist
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:45 PM	Midweek Eucharist

### **Adult Forum Epiphany Series: A Light to Lighten the Nations**

*Feb 8* *Nostra Aetate at 60: Its Significance for Christians and Jews (Anglicans too)*, with the Rev'd Dr Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Boston College)

*Feb 15* Shrove Sunday ~ No Adult Forum

### **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 subject: 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)

**Shrove Sunday "Dimanche Gras" Pancake Party and Palm Burning** - Because Shrove Tuesday falls during school vacation this year, we will celebrate Shrove Sunday instead with a decadent Coffee Hour including a pancake race, burial of the Alleluia for Lent, and the burning of blessed palms from last year's Passiontide. Contact Rachel Teubner ([ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)) to join the fun!

**Ash Wednesday** – February 18, 2026: Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM and Choral Holy Eucharist at 7:00PM

**Music Minute** – Today's communion anthem was written by Patrick Dupré Quigley and the celebrated countertenor Reginald Mobley, and was premiered at a concert given by Miami-based professional choir Seraphic Fire. The repeated notes in the accompaniment are meant to be a musical depiction of the underground railroad.

### **Serving in the Liturgy Today:**

**Marygrace Barber** – Usher/Lector; **Troy Bracher** – Subdeacon(s); **Paul Kolbet** – Chalice Bearer; **Loring Conant** – Intercessor; **Matthew Groves** – AV Tech; **Theo Younkin** – Crucifer; **Miles Scott and Harry Baker** – Torch Bearer(s); **TBD** – Atrium Asst(s); **Marilyn Crone and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

**The Reverend Dr. James Weldon** – Celebrant

**The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet** – Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector  
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