Parish of the
Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Rose Sunday

March 15, 2026 - 10:00AM

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

Voluntary *Herzliebster Jesu* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The People stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #493 *Azmon*

"O for a thousand tongues to sing"

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law *BCP* 323/4

Song of Praise *The Hymnal 1982* #664 *Resignation*

1 My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent *The Book of Common Prayer* 167

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

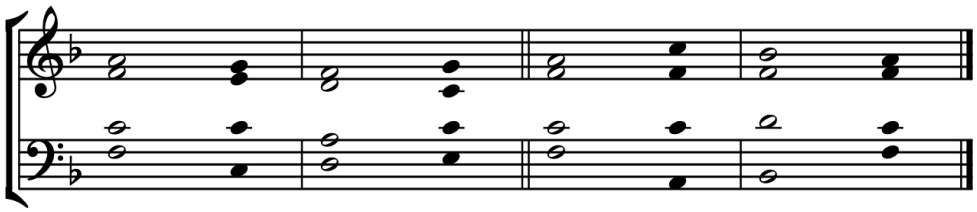
The First Lesson *The People sit.* 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*



1 The Lord is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's /' sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running / over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #538 *Lucerna Laudoniae*

"God of mercy, God of grace"

The Gospel *The People stand.* John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

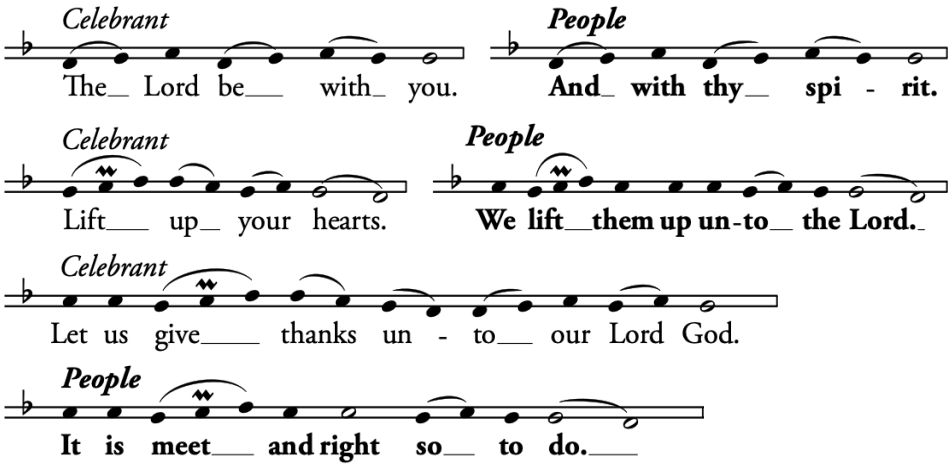
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Geistliches Lied* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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



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.

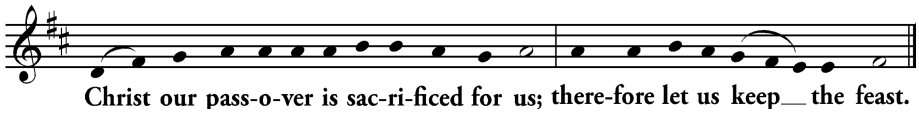
The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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 *The Hymnal 1982 # S154*



"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 Prayer of Humble Access *The Book of Common Prayer* 337

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 *Verwirf mich nicht von deinem Angesicht* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #465 *Ach bleib bei uns*

"Eternal light, shine in my heart"

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.**

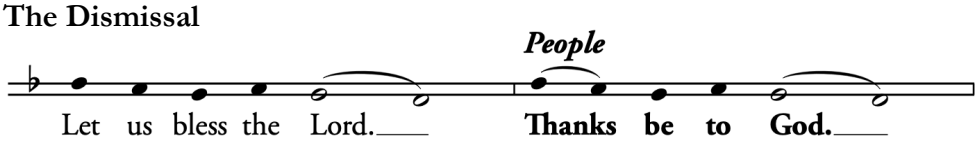
The Blessing

The people stand for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #567 *St. Matthew*

"Thine arm, O Lord"

The Dismissal



Voluntary *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Parish Notes for The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Jim and Kim Nauen

This Week at Good Shepherd:

Sunday	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
	1:00 PM	Confirmation in the Loring Room
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Adult Forum Lenten Series: Perspectives on Sin and Redemption

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)

Mar 29 Palm Weaving in the Common Room

Lenten Devotional Drive – The Good Shepherd Lenten drive this year benefits The Freedge/Newton Food Pantry. Throughout Lent, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to assist individuals and families in need within our community. Suggested donations include canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, and other shelf-stable items. There is a collection box at the rear of the Church.

St. Patrick's Ceilidh (kālē) Celebration – Tonight 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. Come for the Celtic service, stay for the party!

Feast of the Annunciation – Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00PM, Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (379 Hammond Street), our deanery will host a sung Eucharist celebrating Mary's visit from the angel Gabriel, nine months before Christmas!

Holy Week 2026 Schedule

Sunday, March 29th	Palm and Passion Sunday, 10:00AM
Wed, April 1st	Agape Supper in the Common Room, 6:00PM
Thursday, April 2nd	Maundy Thursday
	Choral Eucharist with foot washing 7:00PM
	The Church will remain open until midnight for prayer.
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday Children's Devotional, 10:30AM
	Good Friday Liturgy, 12:00PM
Saturday, April 4th	Easter Vigil begins at sunset, 7:14PM
Sunday, April 5st	Easter Day, Festal Choral Eucharist, 10:00AM

Easter Flowers Donation – Donations can be made in any amount to help beautify the Church for Easter. Envelopes are at the rear of the Church. Dedications and donations ***must be received Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 12PM.***

Serving in the Liturgy Today:

Marygrace Barber – Usher/Lector; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon(s); **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Chalice Bearer; **Biz Bracher** – Intercessor; **Troy Bracher** – AV Tech; **Elodie Weinzierl** – Crucifer; **Miles Scott and James Weldon, III** – Torch Bearer(s); **TBD** – Atrium Asst(s); **Marilyn Crone 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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