

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*(Proper 9)*

July 5, 2026 – 10:00AM

**CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 323*

**Voluntary** *Rhosymedre*

R Vaughan Williams

*The people stand as the bell tolls.*

**Processional Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #302*

*Rendez à Dieu*

“Father, we thank thee”

## 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 God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law** *The Book of Common Prayer 323*

**The Song of Praise**

*The Hymnal 1982 #390 vv. 1, 4*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

**Prayer for the Parish in Transition**

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us, the people of The Parish of the Good Shepherd, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Search Committee and Vestry as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will, and bless our parish life with mutual trust, respect, and courage as we walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 179

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*The People sit.* Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milchah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 45: 11-18 *Eructavit cor meum*



- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen / closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's / house.  
12 The king will have pleasure in your / beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him / honor.  
13 The people of Tyre are here with a / gift; \*

the rich among the people seek your / favor."  
14 All glorious is the princess as she / enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of- / gold.  
15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the / king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in pro- / cession.  
16 With joy and gladness they are / brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the / king.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #692*

*The Third Tune*

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

## The Gospel

*Standing*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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** (Form III) *Standing* *The Book of Common Prayer* 387  
*The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Confession of Sin** *The Book of Common Prayer* 331

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*The people kneel.*

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.**

*The Celebrant stands and adds an absolution.*

**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 HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** *Draw near, all ye people*

Felix Mendelssohn

*The ushers collect the offering. Your generosity supports the ministries & work of this parish.*

**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 page 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, please indicate if you would prefer Gluten Free. 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** *Love bade me welcome*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #482*

“Lord of all hopefulness”

*Slane*

## 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 #457*

*St. James*

“Thou art the way”

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary** *Hyfrydol*

R Vaughan Williams

## Parish Notes for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**\*Gluten Free Eucharist is now available\***

**Lemonade on the Lawn** – Please join us on the Good Shepherd Green with today's host(s) **Chris Sole**

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

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist Lemonade on the Lawn Follows
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

**Summer ROTA** – Please SignUp to serve on Sundays this summer at 10AM. You can sign up electronically by following the LINK in our weekly email or in person during Coffee Hour/Lemonade on the Lawn.

\* Subdeacon/Intercessor/Acolyte \* Lector/ Usher \* A/V Technician

### **Serving in the Liturgy today:**

**Barbara Wood** – Lector/Usher; **Vivi Leavy** – Subdeacon, Intercessor and Acolyte; **Matt Harris** – AV Tech; **Vivi Leavy** – Altar Guild; **Elliot Lazar** – Cantor

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher  
Suzanne McAllister - Guest Organist

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector  
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