

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

*The Second Sunday after Christmas Day*

January 4, 2026 – 10:00AM



*Three Kings from the East*, Brussels Cathedral, 1866

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

**Voluntary** *Variations on French Noels*

Clarence Watters (1902-1986)

*The People stand as the bell tolls.*

**Processional Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982* #117

*Morning star*

“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”

## 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 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 162*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*The People sit.*

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!***

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of / hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my / God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house! \*  
they will always be / praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.

6 They will climb from height to / height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.

**The Second Lesson**

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #128*

*Three Kings of Orient*

“We three kings of Orient are”

**The Gospel**

*The People stand.*

Matthew 2:1-12

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

*People*    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have

found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord 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 People Stand*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*By ancient tradition the Confession and Absolution are omitted in Christmastide.*

### 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** *Behold a star from Jacob Shining* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to 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

*Divinum mysterium*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 #S 154*

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 Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982 #79 v. 3*

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of God's heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

## 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** *See, amid the winter's snow*

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

**Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982 #85*

*Christie, Redemptor*

“O Savior of our fallen race”

## The Postcommunion 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 Last Gospel***The People stand.*

John 1:1-5, 14, 16

*Celebrant*

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****Hymn** *the Hymnal 1982 #124**Puer Nobis*

“What star is this, with beams so bright”

**The Dismissal***People***Voluntary** *In Dir ist Freude*, BWV 615

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Parish Notes for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day****Coffee Hour** – Please join us in the Common Room with today's hosts**John Chase and Cindy Yan****This Week at Good Shepherd:**

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

**Adult Forum in 2026: Epiphany Series- A Light to Lighten the Gentiles***Jan 4* Epiphany Brunch with Visitation of the Magi*Jan 11* The scandal of Jesus's Baptism, with Father Jay*Jan 18* Buddhist Nationalism and Christian Minorities in Myanmar,  
with Sut Hting Mung Awn*Jan 25* Uncreated Light in Milton's *Paradise Lost*: Divine Revelation and  
Poetic Creation, with Marcelle Couto*Feb 8* *Nostra Aetate*: Jewish-Christian Relations since Vatican II, with the  
Rev.d Dr. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (BC Theology Dept. Faculty)

**2025 Auction** - There are still events with availability, please email Callie Emery if you are interested in attending.

**Showpieces & Serenades:** Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6:30PM

**Tacos & Tequila:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 in the Evening

**A Birdwalk with Marygrace Barber:** Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 8:00AM

**Ladies Backyard Tea:** Saturday, May 30, 2026 in the Afternoon

**Sustain Campaign** - A small capital campaign to preserve our church and renew our future through building upgrades and climate modernization, to provide financial and environmental stability for the future.

**The Last Gospel** - During Advent and Christmas, we read from the Prologue to John's Gospel following the Post-Communion Prayer. This stems from the Medieval tradition of reading John 1 at the conclusion of every Mass. According to our adaptation of this tradition, in Advent, the reading ends with light shining in the darkness; it is extended in the season of Christmas with the Word becoming Flesh.

#### Serving in the Liturgy today:

**Gail Murphy** – Lector/Usher; **Rachel Teubner** – Subdeacon; **Christi Corcoran** – Chalice Bearer; **James Oldfield** – Intercessor; **Cindy Yan** – AV Tech; **Ella Weldon** – Crucifer; **TBD** – Thurifer; **Ella Teubner** and **James Weldon, III** – Torch Bearer(s); **Covie Edwards-Pitt** and **Elodie Weinzierl** – Atrium; **Vivi Leavy** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. James Weldon – Celebrant

Dr. Rachel Teubner – Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector  
Dr. Andrew Shenton, Organist/Choirmaster  
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