

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 – 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Voluntary *Partita*

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #400 vv. 1, 4, 5, & 7* *Lasst uns erfreuen*

“All creatures of our God and King”

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.

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 182

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit.

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*



1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of / Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange / speech,

2 Judah became God's / sanctuary *
and Israel his do- / minion.

3 The sea beheld it and / fled; *

Jordan turned and went / back.
 4 The mountains skipped like / rams, *
 and the little hills like young / sheep.
 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned / back?
 6 You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? *
 you little hills like young / sheep?
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of / Jacob,
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing / spring.

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #674

Detroit

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 *God Be in My Head*

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

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. 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 *Ubi Caritas*

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Hymn *The Hymnal* 1982 #581 “Where charity and love prevail” *Cheshire*

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 #362

Nicaea (descant: Apgar)

“Holy, holy, holy!”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Parish Notes for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour – Please join us in the Common Room for the ALL Parish Meeting. Lunch will be served.

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed ALL Parish Meeting Follows
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

New Interim Organist/Choirmaster – Good Shepherd is thrilled to welcome Frances “Francie” Fitch as our Interim Organist/Choirmaster! Let's show her a warm Good Shepherd welcome as we begin this new chapter together.

ALL Parish Meeting – Please join our Regional Canon, Marissa Rohrbach, our Search Consultant, Margaret Smist and the Good Shepherd Search Committee in the Common Room **today** immediately following the 10:00AM Eucharist. The purpose of this meeting is to reveal the survey results and discern our important congregational priorities in seeking a new Rector.

2026/2027 Coffee Hour – Please sign up to host Coffee Hour one Sunday during the school year (2026/2027). Information about hosting and a sign-up form were sent out via e-mail. Please fill out the form (link is in the weekly email) to note your availability and preferences. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Callie Emery at callieemery@gmail.com or the parish office.

Adult Forum - September 2026

Sept 13 *ALL Parish Meeting*
Sept 20 *Get to know Rev Natasha*
Sept 27 *ROTA Rollick and Ministry Fair*

Adult Forum - October 2026

Oct 4 *St. Francis, Spiritual Walk (dogs welcome to join!)*
Oct 11 *No Adult Forum, enjoy the long weekend.*
Oct 18 *PGS Book Club with Corie Edwards-Pitt*
Oct 25 *TBD*

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Barbara Wood – Lector/Usher; **Sunu Yeh** – Subdeacon; **Mike Yeh** – Intercessor; **Mike Yeh** – AV Tech; **Louisa Younkin** – Crucifer; **TBD** – Torch Bearer(s); **Marilyn Crone and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant
The Reverend Canon Marissa Rohrbach - Preacher

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