Parish of the Good Shepherd

The Episcopal Church in Waban, Massachusetts

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026 – 10:00AM

Choral Eucharist, Rite I
***The Book of Common Prayer, page* 323**

Voluntary *Land of Rest* Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn "*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*" *Hymnal* **#690**
Cwm Rhondda

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 *Hymnal* **#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 184

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

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit. Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 Attendite, populi *(sung by the Choir)* Joy Leilani Garbutt (b. 1982)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *"Jerusalem, my happy home"* *Hymnal* **#620**
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; Verses 4 & 5 after) *Land of Rest*

The Gospel *Standing* Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 V, The Book of Common Prayer 389

Leader We pray to you, O Lord;
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

Absolution and Comfortable Words

The Book of Common Prayer 332

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 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* André Thomas (b.1952)

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

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thy own have we given thee**

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* *Hymnal* **#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* *Hymnal* **#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 (gluten free available). 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 *Zion hört die Wächter singen* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Hymn **"***Let all mortal flesh keep silence"* *Hymnal* **#324** *Picardy*

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.

Recessional Hymn *Rejoice, rejoice, believers* *Hymnal* **#68**
Llangloffan

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
(*Lord God, we all praise you* - Old Hundredth)

Parish Notes for The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Maritza Ebling and Matt Hillard

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
	5:30 PM	Celtic Eucharist
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Mark Your Calendars For:
Nov 14 **2026 Good Shepherd Auction, 6:30PM**
Nov 22 Christ the King Sunday
Celtic Eucharist, 5:30PM
Dec 6 Advent II, A Service of Lessons & Carols
Dec 13 Celtic Eucharist, 5:30PM
Dec 20 Advent IV, Children's Christmas Pageant

Music Minute – Two of today's hymns, as you may have noticed, have Welsh names: Llangloffan and Cwm Rhondda (Rhondda Valley). Like every tune in *The Hymnal 1982,* each of these tunes has its own name to distinguish it from the thousands of other hymns tunes in existence. Cwm Rhondda is unofficially the national anthem of Wales, being sung (lustily, and in Welsh) at rugby matches, weddings, funerals, and other national events. Llangloffan is likewise named after a place in the Welsh countryside, a rural hamlet in Pembrokeshire, not far from the ocean, and the tune was first published in 1865. Like the majority of hymn tunes, this one has many sets of words associated with it, including *Cof am y cyflawn Iesu*, and many English texts. Next week's quiz: how can you easily tell from each page in the hymnal, how to write a new set of words that will fit the tune?

Adult Forum - November 2026
Nov 8 *Get to know* Louise and Loring Conant
Nov 15 *PGS Book Club* with Covie Edwards-Pitt
Nov 22 *Advent Wreath Making* in the Common Room
Nov 29 No Adult Forum

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Barbara Wood – Lector/Usher; **Sunu Yeh** – Subdeacon; **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Chalice Bearer; **Loring Conant** – Intercessor; **Matthew Groves** – AV Tech; **TBD** – Crucifer; **TBD** – Torch Bearer(s); **Barbara Wood and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
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2026 Hearts & Hands Auction

Saturday, November 14
6:30PM - 9:00PM
in the Common Room

We have an exciting evening planned including entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and all of your Good Shepherd Auction favorites:

- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Fun Buy it Now Items
- Wine Pull
- and the 50/50 Raffle!

We are hoping to secure a few more Auction goods... Do you have a vacation home you would be willing to offer for a few days? Want to host a fun themed party in your home? Have tickets to sporting events or live performances that you would like to donate? Or maybe you have a talent or skill you would love to share with others. ***We greatly welcome and appreciate your generous donations!***

This is an important evening for Good Shepherd, especially this year, as we work together to search for a new Rector, keep our community strong and raise important funds to support our Operating Budget. We ask that you please join us!