

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 – 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Voluntary *Ut Re Mi Fa Sol La*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #480*

Mit Freuden zart

“Sing praise to God who reigns above”

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 201

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 183

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit.

Exodus 32:1-14

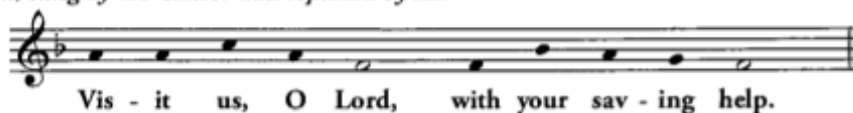
When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

Antiphon, sung by the Cantor and repeated by all:



Verses, sung by the Choir:

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *

- for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise? *Antiphon*
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance. *Antiphon*
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.. *Antiphon*
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them. *Antiphon*

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #487

The Call

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and

burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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.

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 *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Anon. (mid-16th century)
Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #339* “Deck thyself, my soul” *Schmücke dich*

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* *The Hymnal 1982 #S 113*

**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 157

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 *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake* Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

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.

Recessional Hymn *The Hymnal* 1982 #569 *Russia*
“God the Omnipotent!”

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Fantasia*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Parish Notes for The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Cindy Yan and John Chase

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	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
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Music Minute – Ut, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, and La are the notes of the Renaissance hexachord (more or less equivalent to our major scale, though Ut has become Do, and Ti has been added.) In this morning's Voluntary before the service, the notes of the scale/hexachord are played in the pedal while the right hand busies itself with much cleverness, including a quotation from a famous folk song "Will yow Walke the Woods so Wyld," known to be a favorite of Henry VIII. In Byrd's Fantasia (today's closing Voluntary), the composer plays with scales, imitations, chordal writing and brilliant figuration before ending majestically. William Byrd was a particular favorite of Elizabeth I, one of the few who were allowed to continue practicing their Catholic faith as "recusants." While he and his family had to pay fines for this accommodation, Elizabeth also granted him a music-printing monopoly; he was clearly in royal favor.

Adult Forum - October 2026

Oct 11 No Adult Forum, enjoy the long weekend.
Oct 18 *PGS Book Club "Desire of the Everlasting Hills"* with Covie Edwards-Pitt
Oct 25 *"The Odyssey" Movie Discussion* with Ken Rothwell and James Oldfield
*Please watch the movie beforehand.

Adult Forum - November 2026

Nov 1 *Get to know Francie Fitch*
Nov 8 *Get to know Louise and Loring Conant*
Nov 15 *PGS Book Club "Taking Religion Seriously"* with Covie Edwards-Pitt
Nov 22 *Advent Wreath Making* in the Common Room
Nov 29 No Adult Forum.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Mark Ramseyer – Lector/Usher; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Sarah Kupovykh** – Intercessor; **John Chase** – AV Tech; **Louisa Younkin** – Crucifer; **Barbara Wood and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
Frances Fitch, Interim Organist/Choirmaster
Sara Foley, Parish Administrator
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