

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 8)

June 28, 2026 – 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Voluntary *Improvisation on Toulon*

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #359*

Toulon

“God of the prophets”

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 178

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit.

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*



- 1 How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for / ever? *
- how long will you hide your / face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after / day? *
- how long shall my enemy triumph / over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my / God; *
- give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in / death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed / over him," *
- and my foes rejoice that I have / fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your / mercy; *
- my heart is joyful because of your saving / help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me / richly; *
- I will praise the Name of the Lord Most / High.

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #609

Gardiner

“Where cross the crowded ways of life”

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 *Bist du bei mir*

J.S. Bach

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 *God Is My Shepherd*

Antonin Dvořák

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #521*

“Put forth, O God”

Chelsea Square

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 #675*

Bourbon

“Take up your cross”

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary *Improvisation on Bourbon*

Parish Notes for The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lemonade on the Lawn – Please join us on the Good Shepherd Green with today's hosts **John Chase and Cindy Yan**

This Week at Good Shepherd:

Sunday 10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist
Lemonade on the Lawn Follows
Tuesday 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.

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

2026 Altar Flowers sign up Chart is available in the Common Room.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Gene Wayne – Lector/Usher; **Rachel Teubner** – Subdeacon/Intercessor; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **John Chase** – AV Tech; **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Crucifer; **Barbara Wood** – Altar Guild **Alesandra Onjiko** – Cantor

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
Andrew Sheranian, Organist/Choirmaster
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