

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 – 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Voluntary *Echo Fantasia*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness” *Hymnal #381*

Ton-y-Botel

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 183

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through 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.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Domine, refugium



6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and / withered.
 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you / tarry? *
 be gracious to your / servants.
 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our / life.
 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af- / flicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered ad- / versity.
 16 Show your servants your / works *
 and your splendor to their / children.
 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be u- / pon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our / handiwork.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

The Hymnal 1982 #336

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after

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The Gospel

Standing

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 *Pilgrims' Hymn*

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

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 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*

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 (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 *If Ye Love Me*

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Hymn “God of mercy, God of grace”

The Hymnal 1982 #538

Lucerna Laudoniae

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 “Rise up, ye saints of God”

*The Hymnal 1982 #551
Festal Song*

The Dismissal

Celebrant

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *All Glory Be to God on High*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Parish Notes for The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers at the Altar are given in thanksgiving of Matthew Barber and Revere Barber to the glory of God by Marygrace Barber.

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Melissa and Jeff Horine

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
	5:00 PM	All Hallows' Eve Service and Party
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

All Saints Sunday - If you would like to include someone in the prayers, please email the Parish Office office@goodshepherdnewton.org by 12:00PM on Thursday, October 29th.

Mark Your Calendars For:

Oct 28 Healing Hearts Grief Club, 6:00PM to 8:00PM, please email RevNatasha@goodshepherdnewton.org to participate or for more information.

Nov 1 Stewardship Ingathering during our 10:00AM All Saints Choral Eucharist

Nov 14 2026 Good Shepherd Auction, 6:00PM

Music Minute - The Minnesotan composer Stephen Paulus died in 2014, having written over six hundred works for chorus, orchestra, opera, chamber ensemble, solo voice, piano and organ. He received both Grammy awards and nominations, and his music continues to be frequently performed. It has been described as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. Today's Offertory Anthem, part of an opera written with poet Michael Dennis Browne, was sung at the funerals of Presidents Reagan and Ford.

Adult Forum - October 2026

Oct 25 *"Did Christopher Nolan 'Christianize' Homer's Odyssey* 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:

Gene Wayne– Lector/Usher; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Chalice Bearer; **Loring Conant** – Intercessor; **TBD** – AV Tech; **TBD** – Crucifer; **Miles Scott** – Torch Bearer(s); **Vivi Leavy and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
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