

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday
May 10, 2026 - 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I
The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

*Weather permitting, the people gather in front of the church.
The liturgy begins after the bell tolls.*

Rogation Anthem *Morning has broken*

Bunessan

A Bidding Prayer for Rogation Sunday

The Celebrant says to the people

Beloved in Christ: Forty days will soon pass since we marked the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, whereby he made the whole creation new. On this Sunday before the Ascension, we give thanks for the whole of creation:

For the deep over which the Holy Spirit first moved.
For the light that brightens the day and the darkness that hallows the night.
For plants and trees, bearing fruit in their season.
For the sun, moon, stars, and planets in their courses.
For fish and birds and every creature that roams the earth.
For human beings made in the image and likeness of God.

Let us pray with delight because we are a part of God's creation.

Let us remember all who work for the right use of these gifts entrusted to us.

Let us give thanks for all who study the mysteries of creation and ask that their work may increase our curiosity, wonder, and joy.

Silence

May God give us grace rightly to use the gifts entrusted to us, and may our prayers this day direct us to the fullness of the Creation in which Christ is still making all things new. **Amen.**

Rogation Litany

from *the Great Litany*, BCP 148

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all thy creatures,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of thy creation may abound from age to age,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us,

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

The Procession

People

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. A - men.**

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

“All creatures of our God and King”

The Choir and Sacred Ministers follow the procession into the Church and to the Altar. The people follow the procession into the Nave, and the liturgy proceeds as is custom.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Easter Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 174

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

At this time, the Children are dismissed to Church School.

The First Lesson *The People sit.*

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-12 *Jubilate Deo*



- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be / heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in / life, *
and will not allow our feet to / slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have / proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is / tried.
- 10 You brought us into the / snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and / water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re- / freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my / vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal

to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #513*

Bridegroom

“Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

The Gospel

The People stand.

John 14:15-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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



Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

The Book of Common Prayer 389

The Intercessor calls the people to prayer by saying

Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old is passed away; behold, he is making all things new! Let us pray with confidence to God, that through Christ all our petitions and prayers are heard, saying, "hear our prayer."

Intercessor Risen Lord,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

By ancient tradition, the Confession is omitted during Eastertide.

The Peace

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 *Beati quorum via* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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 Easter Confractorium

The Hymnal 1982 #S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Hymnal 1982 #S 171

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. **Ref.**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one Bread. **Ref.**

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 *O for a closer walk with God*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The text may be found in the Hymnal 1982 #684

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #292*

Kingsfold

“O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

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

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #409* *Creation*
“The spacious firmament on high”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Voluntary *Allegro (Sonata V)* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Parish Notes for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving Memory of
Peter Barber by Marygrace Barber

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

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

Rogation Sunday – Today we celebrate Rogation Sunday. Rogation marks the last days before the Ascension. Although practiced earlier elsewhere, the first evidence of outdoor Rogation processions in England comes from the year 747. The procession was intended to bring people together in opposition to any spirits that would divide them from one another. It developed as a time to pray for Creation – for farm, seed, green blades rising – a final blessing on earth from Christ before he ascends. Weather permitting, we begin at the front steps of the church and process together, much like on Palm Sunday, in a Rogation Procession.

The word Rogation comes from the Latin word *rogare*, meaning, “to ask,” in which people prayed for the upcoming season of growing and harvesting, still reflected today in our Rogation Litany, “We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.” In English tradition, the Rogation Procession walked along the outer boundaries of the entire area served by the local church, a tradition called “beating the bounds.” As many cathedrals and parish churches were surrounded by farms and commerce, depending on the time in history, the prayers were for the benefit of the farmers and commerce, for the protection of the church from those who surrounded it, or a combination thereof. In modern practice, the prayers of the church extend from places called sacred into the world.

Adult Forum

May 10 *Transitions: How to have the Parish Conversation that Matters*,
Rev'd Dr Paul Kolbet
May 17 *Dante & Humility*, Dr Rachel Teubner
May 24 No Adult Forum
May 31 *Dante & Christian Vocation*, Dr Rachel Teubner
June 7 *Rituals of grief: dealing with parental loss in modern Japan*,
Professor J. Mark Ramseyer
June 14 No Adult Forum ~ Parish Picnic

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

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Gail Murphy – Lector/Usher; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Kathleen Conroy** – Chalice Bearer; **Biz Bracher** – Intercessor; **Troy Bracher** – AV Tech; **Vivi Leavy** – Crucifer; **TBD** – Thurifer; **Conroy Wing and Ella Teubner** – Torch Bearer(s); **Ann Ritchie** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet – Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet, Priest Associate
Andrew Sheranian, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Rachel Teubner, Christian Education Director
Sara Foley, Parish Administrator

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