Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 – 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

***The Book of Common Prayer, page* 323**

Voluntary *Lieder ohne Worte* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
Opus 19, no. 2 (*Andante espressivo*)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" *Hymnal* **#632** *Munich*

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.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit. Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

Taizé; John Blow, arr. Apgar

Refrain, sung by a cantor and repeated by all:



1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There

is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Not here for high and holy things" *Hymnal* **#9**
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; 4-6 after) *Morning Song*

The Gospel *Standing* Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 Excerpts from *Elijah,* an Oratorio Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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 *When Storms Arise* Adolphus Hailstork (b.1941)
Hymn "O Jesus, I have promised" *Hymnal* **#655** *Nyland*

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 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim" *Hymnal* **#535**
Paderborn

The Dismissal

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

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Opus 19, no. 3 (*Molto allegro e vivace*)

Parish Notes for The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Mark Ramseyer

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
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Mark Your Calendars For:
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 – Answer to last week's quiz: the numbers under every hymn tune indicate the number of beats in each musical phrase. For example "10.10.11.11" means that there are ten beats (feet) in the first line and second lines, and eleven in the third and fourth lines. In order to fit that tune, a poem must have the same metric structure. Now you have all the knowledge you need to write us a new hymn!

Adult Forum - November 2026
Nov 15 *PGS Book Club* with Covie Edwards-Pitt
Taking Religion Seriously by Charles Murray
Nov 22 *Advent Wreath Making* in the Common Room
Nov 29 No Adult Forum

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Biz Bracher – Usher; **Sarah Kupovykh** – Lector; **Troy Bracher** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Covie Edwards-Pitt** – Intercessor; **Mike Yeh** – AV Tech; **Louisa Younkin** – Crucifer; **TBD** – Torch Bearer(s); **Tara Karyanis and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
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