

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 18, 2026 - 10:00AM



Stained glass depicting the Lamb of God, Matthias Church in Budapest, Hungary

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

Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue*

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

The People stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982* #390

Lobe den Herren

“Praise to the Lord”

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.**

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

BCP 323/4

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 163

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

The People sit.

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 40:1-6 *Expectans, expectari*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the / Lord; *
 he stooped to me and heard my / cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and / clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing / sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our / God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the / Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the / Lord! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false / gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for / us! *
 there is none who can be compared with / you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and / tell them! *
 but they are more than I can / count.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

The Gospel

The People stand.

John 1:29-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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*

Lector We pray to you, O Lord,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession*The People kneel.**The Book of Common Prayer 331*

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.

Absolution and Comfortable Words*The Book of Common Prayer 332***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 *Come down, O love divine*

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The text is the same as Hymn 516.

The ushers collect the offering. Your generosity supports the ministries & work of this parish. Following the Offertory Anthem, the People stand as the offering is presented.

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. 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** *I believe this is Jesus*

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #332**St. Flavian*

“O God, unseen yet ever near”

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* #347

St. Joan

“Christ is the world’s true light”

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Fugue in G minor BWV 558*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Parish Notes for The Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

James Oldfield and Caredwen Foley

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
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:45 PM	Midweek Eucharist

The 2026 Annual Meeting February 1, 2026 following the 10:00 AM Eucharist. We will meet in the Common Room, requiring a quorum in person.

Adult Forum Epiphany Series: A Light to Lighten the Nations

Jan 18 Buddhist Nationalism and Christian Minorities in Myanmar,
with Sut Hting Mung Awn

Jan 25 Uncreated Light in Milton's *Paradise Lost*: Divine Revelation and
Poetic Creation, with Marcelle Couto

Feb 1 Annual Meeting ~ No Adult Forum

Feb 8 *Nostra Aetate* at 60: Its Significance for Christians and Jews (Anglicans
too), with the Rev'd Dr Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (BC Theology Dept. Faculty)

2026 Vestry Nominations – The Vestry Nominating Committee seeks Vestry members to begin service in February 2026. Please contact Father Jay or Covie Edwards-Pitt if you are interested or would like to nominate someone.

2025 Auction - There are still events with availability. Please email Callie Emery if you are interested in attending.

Showpieces & Serenades: Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6:30PM

Tacos & Tequila: Saturday, May 9, 2026 in the Evening

A Birdwalk with Marygrace Barber: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 8:00AM

Ladies Backyard Tea: Saturday, May 30, 2026 in the Afternoon

Music Minute: Good Shepherd is grateful to welcome Chris Rakovec as our guest Organist this morning. Andrew Sheranian, our new Interim Organist/ Choirmaster is leading the music at All Saints' Church in Worcester, a commitment made prior to joining PGS, and returning next Sunday.

Serving in the Liturgy Today:

Barbara Wood – Usher/Lector; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Sarah Kupovskykh** – Intercessor; **Gene Wayne** – AV Tech; **Ella Weldon** – Crucifer; **James Weldon III and Ella Teubner** – Torch Bearer(s); **Ann Ritchie and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. James Weldon – Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector
Dr. Andrew Shenton, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Rachel Teubner, Christian Education Director
Sara Foley, Parish Administrator

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