

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2017

10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

VOLUNTARY: Meditation in B Flat Major

G.T. Thalben-Ball (1896-1967)

Please stand as the organ introduces the processional hymn.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

(the service continues on p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

BCP, p. 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(read by all in unison)*

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. and now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7-14 *[sung by the choir]*

Anglican Chant: Donald McCullough (1957)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, * so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Hymnal 559

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves,

more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON:

The Rev. Ron Owen

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

BCP, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Show Me Thy Ways

Walter Pelz (1926-1997)

Kathleen Jordan, flute

Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths;
Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me:
For Thou art the God of my salvation.
And on Thee do I wait all the day.
Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths;
Lead me in Thy truth.

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;
Al-le-lu-in, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host,
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-y Ghost. O— praise him, O— praise him,
Al-le-lu-in, al-le-lu-in, al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

PROPER PREFACE:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

FRACTION MOTET: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
And he shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall.
He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great
And far above the heav'ns.
Let none be made ashamed
That wait upon thee.

COMMUNION HYMN: Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal 328

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:

BCP, p. 365

CLOSING HYMN: O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Hymnal 448

DISMISSAL. *Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

SPECIAL PRAYERS

We pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish,
The Church of the Anunciación in Florida, Cuba.

We pray for those whose lives have been disrupted, or who have suffered loss, damage, or death from
recent hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters.

We pray for those who are ill, especially for
Wilson, Dorothea, Dennis, Curry,
Vladimir, Patricia, George, Debbie, Jacquelyn, Rachel

We pray for strength and guidance for
Emma, Jen

We pray for those who have died, especially victims of violence in Las Vegas and elsewhere.
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially for
Zachary, Brooker, Derek, Carrie

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week

Megan Cosgrove 10/9
Zachary Russell 10/12
Nancy-Laurel Petterson 10/14

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Florence Arrington Chambers
by Paul Arrington.

Donations for Hurricane Relief

Our brothers and sisters in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and perhaps elsewhere, are suffering from the effects of the recent hurricanes, and need our help. Episcopal Relief and Development is a trustworthy agency for donations to help disaster victims. Your generous support will supply critical necessities for communities immediately and for the long-term as they recover and rebuild. Gifts can be made at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now> or by using this QR code:



The attendance on October 1, 2017
8:00 am: 5 10:00 am: 62
2017 Budgeted Offerings: \$395,000
Year to Date Actual Offerings through October 1, 2017: \$283,957
Needed Each Week: \$7,596
Received October 1, 2017: \$2,748

Announcements

- Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd – Good morning! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this morning and we invite you to fully participate in our services. This leaflet outlines the service from the red Book of Common Prayer, including page numbers for the services, hymn numbers from the blue hymnal, scripture readings and further directions related to our services. Following the 8:00 am service we invite everyone for coffee and conversation in Craig Lounge. Following the 10:00 am service we invite everyone to Worsham Hall for our monthly Potluck lunch. We hope you will join us weekly at the service of your choice. Peace and blessings!

WELCOME To Parents of Young Children: RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They may tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priests, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but PLEASE come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember the way that we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

- Nursery – Our nursery is staffed every Sunday by Miss Seida and Miss Anela from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The nursery is located in the Toddler room of the school wing. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher who can direct you to the nursery.
- Children's Worship Activity Bags – We welcome all children during our worship services. Activity bags are provided with age-appropriate items so that children can be engaged during the service. Please don't hesitate to speak to an usher at any time during the service for these special additions provided for your children.
- Enquirers: Episcopalian 101 – New to the Episcopal church? Unsure how our Liturgical Gymnastics work? Want to know more about the theology, practice, and tradition of the Episcopal church? Studies tell us that more and more folks who attend Episcopal churches come from other denominations or have no previous faith background. It's normal that you might not understand some aspects of our liturgies, or why we sit/stand/kneel when we do. For anyone who has questions or just wants to be better informed, we are

- scheduling a class we are calling Enquirers/Episcopalian 101. This will be a multi-session class, and will try to explore the Book of Common Prayer, go over a typical Eucharistic service so you know what we do and why, and answer any questions you may have about life as an Episcopalian. So we can schedule this at a time convenient to the most people, please contact Linda Ross (lross@gsjax.church) or Father Ron (rowen@gsjax.church) and let them know if you are interested, and what days/times might work best for you. We hope to start this class at least by the end of October.
- Wednesday Services – The Wednesday midday Eucharist of Healing as well as the Wednesday evening Eucharist and Adult Formation program will take a break for the next two weeks and will resume October 25.
- Church Without Walls is an important ministry of presence to and with those most in the margins in our community, including those who are without housing. This ministry provides an opportunity to ‘seek and serve the Christ in others,’ especially those who may feel alone and abandoned. To assist those who may be discerning whether this is a ministry to which you are called, CWW is offering a “walking alongside companioning workshop” on October 14th to inform those considering this type of service. The workshop will be held at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Springfield. If you feel you may be called to serve God and God’s people in this way, Fr. Ron or Linda Ross can help you connect and be registered.
- Strengthen Community and Support the Jags – On October 15th, at 4.00 p.m., the Jacksonville Jaguars will take on the Los Angeles Rams in a home game. In conjunction with Riverside Fine Arts, Good Shepherd has reserved a number of tickets, and invite interested members to attend together. The price of \$45.00 includes admission to the game and a 2:00 p.m. pregame tailgate meal of subs and soft drinks. This is a great opportunity to see an exciting football game and spend time in community with one another. If you are interested, please contact Sheryl Pulley in the Church office or call 904.387
- Hymn Festival Celebrating 500 years of Continuing Reformation – October 22, 2017 at 5:00 pm at St. John's Cathedral. A Diocesan Hymn-fest led by The Rev. Dr. Carl Daw and organized by Canon Tim Tuller (St. John's Cathedral) and Mr. James Holyer (St. Mark's, Jacksonville) to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For more information, go to www.jaxcathedral.org.
- Lay Leadership Workshop – The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership is offering Lay Leadership Workshop #6 called "Invite. Welcome. Connect." at Camp Weed on Saturday, November 18th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. This really important program will explore how our church welcomes visitors and encourages new membership. It will be led by Mary Parmer of The Beecken Center of the School of Theology at Sewanee. The cost for the day, including lunch, is \$62. Register at <http://campweed.org>, and let the parish office know if you would like to share a ride.

- Cookies for Coffee Hour - Our reserve supply of cookies for coffee hour has been depleted. We need cookies! Please, if you can, bring a package of cookies and leave it in the kitchen next week to help us restock our reserve.
- Hospitality Helpers - Debbie Conder is looking for people to help with hospitality at Good Shepherd. What does that mean? Talk to Debbie and she will tell you all about it.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - Our prayer shawl knitters group will meet this Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 pm in Craig Lounge. In addition to the prayer shawls and baptismal blankets they have been making for several years, they have adopted a new project. In conjunction with an organization called Knitted Knockers, this group has started knitting breast prostheses that are made available free to survivors of breast cancer. If you would like to join the group, or help specifically on their new project, see Randy Stephens or call the parish office.
- Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry - This week we are suggesting personal toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Travel sizes are also needed. Please note that all non perishable items are accepted and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.
- Blessing Box - Our blessing box at the Forbes Street entrance is in need of donations of non-perishable food items.
- Altar Flowers - The flower donation chart has dates available for October 22nd and November 19th. If you would like to provide flowers at the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of someone on either of these dates, please sign up on the chart in the narthex or call the office to let us know. Acknowledgements will be included in the Sunday bulletin on the week designated by the donor. The cost for flowers each week is \$75.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of Good Shepherd as they make decisions about the future of our church as well as the search process for our next rector.

In a few days, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. Beginning October 15th, we are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and telling us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you need a paper copy, please contact the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact the Search Committee:

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Many thanks,

The Search Committee

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 9th

5:00 pm Children's Chapel &
Cherub Choir (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 11th

4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group (Craig)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 15th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 am Sunday Conversation
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

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