

**Welcome**  
to the  
**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!**

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!  
We are happy to have you with us and pray this worship service brings to you  
the joy and peace of Christ.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here.

May God's blessing and peace be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*  
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, *Assisting Priest*  
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*



**Liturgical Participants for August 8, 2021**

Rev. Canon Doris Westfall, *Presider and Preacher*  
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Bobbi Reese, Bethany Barr, Bernard Barth,  
Connor Donnelly, Patricia Gitto (cello), Jennifer Holtmann,  
Joanne Owen, Mary Scott, Vicki Thompson, *Musicians*  
Brenda Finch, *Usher*  
Paul Mercurio, Carie Kennedy, *Counters*  
Carol Link, Brenda Finch, *Altar Guild*  
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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Announcements

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymn 408

*Presider:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Presider:* 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 *(Sung by all)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## THE OPENING COLLECT

*Presider:* Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 130

*De profundis*

*(Said by all)*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;  
With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **THE SECOND LESSON:** Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

I am the bread of life

Hymn 335

### **THE GOSPEL:** John 6:35, 41-51

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand.*

**People:** 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader:* For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People:* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People:* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People:* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Deon our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People:* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
We give thanks for the opportunity of the congregations of Good Shepherd and St. Luke's to revisit the grace of our past and to engage in a process of discernment for our future. We give thanks for the willingness of the Discernment Team to give leadership to this important work.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Leader:* Hear us, Lord;  
*People:* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Leader:* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People:* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Leader:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People:* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory Music**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

## **SANCTUS**     *(Sung by all)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest

*Presider:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



*Presider:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **AGNUS DEI** *(Sung by all)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Grant us your peace

### **THE INVITATION**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Music during Communion**

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Please stand.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**Closing Hymn**

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymn 593

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**