

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 October 10, 2021

Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Presider and Preacher*

Mickey Harrison, *Lector*

Bobbi Reese, Bethany Barr, Bernard Barth, Connor Donnelly,
Jennifer Holtmann, Joanne Owen, Vicki Thompson, *Musicians*

Brenda Finch, *Usher*

Paul Mercurio, Mike Burd, *Counters*

Carol Link, Brenda Finch, *Altar Guild*

Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, *Videography*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Announcements

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymn 397

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, 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: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-15

Judica me, Domine (Said bt all)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Sequence Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth *(Sung by all)*

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering upon every shore
her perfect sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Presider: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan

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

Presider: In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Leader: We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon, our Bishop, and our clergy and leadership. Pray for the Church.

Silence

May we who witness your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, Joseph, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. I invite your prayers for our world, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: We pray for ongoing work of the Discernment Team of Good Shepherd and St. Luke's, that together we may hear the voice of God, sense the movement of the Holy Spirit, and follow the way of love that Jesus bids us walk. May we who witness your wisdom in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. We pray for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

Thank you especially for those members of our legacy society whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes. May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Leader: It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are you thankful today?

Silence

May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Which comes from God above.**

Presider: With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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: God 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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Presider: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many 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: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Presider: All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Music during Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn

God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest

Hymn 569

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude