



The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd

Venice, Florida

January 5, 2025

Epiphany (Year C)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning** **Hymnal 117**

all stand

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit

Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.
 Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
 Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
 Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

Jerome Webster Meachen
 (b. 1930)



Choir:

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.

All:

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Choir:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Epistle

Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have

become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Unto Us a Boy is Born!

Hymnal 98

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, a reading according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

 `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found

him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Joe Hudson

After the sermon, the people remain seated and observe a brief time of silent reflection on the message.

The Nicene Creed

All stand

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor:

Raising our voices in proclamation and praise, let us rejoice as we offer our prayers to God, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who toil in troubled lands, and in families of discontent, that the Prince of Peace may give them words of wisdom as they seek to encourage new means of communication and the mending of relationships. *Silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who bring treasures to the poor and needy of the world, offering precious gifts of hope to God's fragile people. *silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who exercise leadership throughout our Church, that they may bear in their actions the love of Christ, enlightening the hearts of those who have a hidden faith, and strengthening those of a weak spirit. *Silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our President, members of our legislative bodies, and those who serve on the Supreme Court, that they may honor our historic inheritance and take us along new pathways in the service of bettering our nation. *silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died in the noonday of their lives, and for parents who grieve the loss of children, that they may be comforted by the Father of us all, whose only Son was not spared an early death. *Silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, remembering those who have been our mentors and teachers, and through whose companionship we have experienced the riches of divine grace. *Silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

As God's adopted children, through the will of Jesus Christ, let us add to these prayers and thanksgivings. For those on our ongoing prayer list, (*Janet P, , Phil and Judy, Cynthia and the Johnson family, Susan Benas, Anne W, Michael, Abigail, Mike and Debbie, Steven, Barbara and Terri, Jane, Patrick and Vickie and family, Ryan, Jay and Alicia and family, Lance, Nancy, Liz, John, Nancy, Barry and Debbie,)* as well as those on today's prayer list...are there others? *Silence*

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those with birthdays this week, Christine Puthoff, Brenda Greco, Brendan Hillock, Marcia Matthews, Desiree Hudson and MaryAnn Medhurst, as well as for Katherine and John Riherd who are celebrating an anniversary.

Silence

Let us pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Al Matthews by Linda Matthews, and the Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family.

Confession of Sin

Presider: 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 your Son 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 our Lord 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, as able

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

Ding Dong! Merrily on High!

Traditional/ D. Willcocks

Presentation Hymn (Doxology) Old 100th – Isaac Watts

Hymnal 380 (vs.3)

Sung by the people, standing while offerings are presented and placed on the altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface said by Presider

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel as able.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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."

Presider: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen

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

People and Celebrant:

**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 the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei *(sung by people)*

Hymnal S-164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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

All are welcome to receive Communion

Communion Hymns

Duérmete, Niño Lindo (Oh Sleep Now Holy Baby) Hymnal 113

What Child is This, Who Laid to Rest Greensleeves Hymnal 115

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Post Communion Prayer

People kneel or stand, as able

Presider: Let us pray.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of His holiness. **Amen**

May God, who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

Processional Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal 119

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



Birthdays

7 - Christine Puthoff
 8 - Brenda Greco
 Brendan Hillock
 Marcia Matthews
 9 - Desiree Hudson
 MaryAnn Medhurst

Anniversaries

10 – Katherine & John Riherd

January 5 - 11, 2025
Good Shepherd Welcomes All!
We're glad you're here!

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a WELCOME CARD found in the back of the hymnal and at the WELCOME DESK in the entry. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.



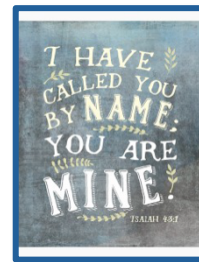
If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourselves.

We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

Would you like to be listed in our Good Shepherd Parish Directory?

If so, please complete the yellow Directory Sign Up card that is located at our Connections Center near the garden doors at the back of our Parish Hall.

See Nancy Fees to have a photo taken for the directory



Name Tags

If you would like a Good Shepherd nametag, please put your name on the list at the Connections Center. Your completed tag will be available at the table near the Welcome Desk the next Sunday.

PRAYERS - January 5 - 11, 2025

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Janet P, Ashlen M., Phil and Judy, Diana Hillock, Frank, Cynthia and the Johnson family, Ruthie, Bill, Jim, Maggie and Paul, Jason F., Susan Benas, Anne W, Michael, Abigail, Mike and Debbie, Steven, Barbara and Terri, Jane, Patrick and Vickie and family, Gigi and Larry, Linda S, Jan T., Jim, Jaime, Ruthie, Jeanne, Mike, Virginia Pirro, Elaine Hedrick and Jim Hudson

SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY: Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Richard Blackburn, and James Kilroe.

FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESES:

The Diocese of Southwest Florida— The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf , Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Companion Diocese of Georgia, Companion Diocese of South Carolina, Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Resurrection Episcopal, Largo;. St St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs.

MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in memory of Al Matthews by Linda Matthews. The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family.

Sign up for flower or candle dedications in the white binder located at the CONNECTIONS CENTER near the garden doors in the Parish Hall.

Weekly Email Blast - If you do not receive the weekly email blast & would like to be added, please contact Nancy Fees at communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org or call the church office 941-497-7286.

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

When the office is closed ... You may leave a voice message by telephone or e-mail us. The office phone number is 941-497-7286, The email address - office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org

If you are calling with a pastoral care emergency after hours, please leave a message on the church office voicemails. Voicemails are monitored overnight and on weekends. OR, you may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

Fr. Joe Hudson at (573) 450-9059

Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064

Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546

Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109

Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115

**Serving in Ministry at Good Shepherd
The Second Sunday After Christmas**

Worship	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider	Fr. John Warfel	Fr. Joe Hudson
Preaching	Fr. Joe Hudson	Fr. Joe Hudson
Assisting Clergy	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte	Judy Jarvis	Jean Smithies
Crucifer Acolyte		Carol Mitchell
1st Lesson	Barbara Davis	Kay Clark-Butz
Prayers of the People	Deacon	Pa Madyda
2nd Lesson	Judy Jarvis	John Mitchell
Prayer Team		EK Beall
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Greeter (s)	Desiree Hudson	Linda Hughes
Usher (s)	Fran Holt	Libby Chinman Bob Clark
Tech Team		Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Peter Walker Sound – Bill Flack Director – Nancy Fees

Secure Building

This Week at Good Shepherd

SUNDAY, 01/05 Holy Eucharist Rite I - Said Service - 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II - Sung Service 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY 01/06 Parish Care Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, 01/07 Finance Committee – 9 a.m.
Executive Committee – 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 01/08 Morning Prayer with Deacon Rich on Facebook – 9 a.m.
Centering Prayer – 3 p.m.
Hudson Fellowship Flock - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, 01/09 Memorial Garden & Grounds Crew - 8:00 a.m.
Good Shepherd Clergy Meeting – 8:00 a.m..
Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study – 10 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 01/10 Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, 01/11 Altar Guild & Flower Guild
SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE – 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT NEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 26, 2025 – after the 10 a.m. Service
GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
NEWCOMER'S RECEPTION – 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2025
“Getting to Know You Supper” after 5 p.m. Service

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND EVENTS – www.goodshepherdvenicefl.org. THERE IS ALSO A MONTHLY CALENDAR POSTED IN THE CASE ON THE WALL JUST OUTSIDE THE OFFICE