



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida
September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist – RITE II – PRAYER A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Aria

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Coronation) Hymnal 450

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Benedictus es, Domine

Hymnal S-236

The following is sung, all standing

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The people sit.

Reader: A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-8 Ad te, Domine, levavi

William Russell
(1777–1813)



Choir:

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my/ trust • in/ you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my/ ene- • mies/ tri- • umph/ over me.

All:

2 Let none who look to you be/ put • to/ shame; *
let the treacherous be disap- / point- • ed/ in • their/ schemes.
3 Show me your/ ways, • O/ Lord, *
and/ teach/ me • your/ paths.
4 Lead me in your/ truth • and/ teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted/ all • the/ day/ long.
5 Remember, O Lord, your com- / passion • and/ love, *
for/ they are • from/ ev- • er- / lasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and/ my • trans- / gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the/ sake of • your/ goodness, • O/ Lord.
7 Gracious and/ upright • is the/ Lord; *
therefore he teaches/ sin- • ners/ in • his/ way.

8 He guides the humble in/ do- • ing/ right *
and teaches his/ way/ to • the/ lowly.

Choir:

Glory to the Father and/ to • the/ Son, // and/ to • the/ Ho- • ly/ Spirit;

As it was in the be-/ginning, • is/ now, // and will be for-/ev- • er./ A/men.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE

At the Name of Jesus (King's Weston)

Hymnal 435

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

FR. JOSEPH HUDSON

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

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.

Knell or stand, as able

Beloved in Christ, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying, "To will and work for your good pleasure, O Lord, enable us."

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, your Church, glorify your Heavenly Parent in word and deed.

Silence

To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility.

Silence

To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this precious planet.

Silence

To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests.

Silence

To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives.

For those on our ongoing prayer list. For those on today's prayer list.

For those celebrating a birthday this week: Fran Holt and Paul D'Angelo.

For those celebrating a Wedding Anniversary this week: Jim and Marjorie Dellecker and John and Pat Bernardini.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of John Moore by Linda Moore. The Sanctuary candle is given by members of the Good Shepherd family.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, Enable Us.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Presider stands and says

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.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

All are welcome at God's table!

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY

"Lead Me Lord"

S. Wesley

DOXOLOGY (*Old 100th*)

Hymnal 380 (v.3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

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.**

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-129

**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.

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**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!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

Agnus Dei

**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 peace.**

The Presider says

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.

COMMUNION Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness (*Schmucke Dich*) Hymnal 339
Surely the Presence

Send Forth Eucharistic Visitors

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People kneel or stand as able.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people, saying

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

PROCESSIONAL Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness (*Finnian*) Hymnal 492

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Carillon for a Joyful Day D. MacKay

Serving in Ministry Today – The Eighteenth Sunday After the Pentecost September 27, 2026

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. Joseph Hudson Fr. Joseph Hudson	Fr. Joseph Hudson Deacon Michael Kitt
Assisting	Deacon Michael Kitt	Deacon Micheal Kitt
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Elaine Hedrick	Rusty Shelley Bob Sawyer
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	Carolyn Wolf Elaine Hedrick Deacon Michael Kitt	Pat McNickle Donna Perkins Carolyn Hinton
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Pam Clark/ Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Greeters		Kim Biever
Ushers	Barbara Davis	Donna McCutcheon/ Maureen Bentley
Tech Team	Sound Bob Sawyer	Wireless Cameras – Bob Sawyer Yolo Box Cameras – Paul Altimier Sound – Bill Flack Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Carol Gargon

This Week at Good Shepherd – The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Sunday, September 27	Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.	Men's AA Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, September 28		
Tuesday, September 29	Women's AA Meeting - 4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, September 30	Centering Prayer - 3:00 p.m.	
Thursday, October 1	Clergy Meeting – 8 a.m. Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m. Morning Prayer on Facebook with Deacon Rich – 9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 2	Creative Designs Outreach – 9:30 a.m.	
Saturday, October 3	Altar Guild – 9:30 a.m.	



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. 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 door at the back of our Parish Hall. See Nancy Fees, our Communication Director, to have a photo taken for the directory.



Birthdays: October 1- Fran Holt; 3- Paul D'Angelo.

Wedding Anniversaries: September 28 – Jim and Marjorie Dellecker; 29 – John and Pat Bernardini.

Altar Flowers are given in memory of John Moore by Linda Moore. Sanctuary Candle is given by the Good Shepherd Church family.

Remember in your prayers this week:

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Jackie and Richard, Don, Kim, Chris, Ryan, Holly, Ann, Ellen, Jim, Christopher, Christine, Marylin, Ed, Charles, Mary, Johnson Family, Lawlor Family, Jessica, Danielle, Nancy, Jamey, Mike, Libby, and Marci.

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

FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESS:

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 PRAYERS: The Smith Center, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center and St. Thomas Chapel; Camp Dayspring, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Cursillo of SWFL, and Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida.

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

You may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

Fr. Joseph Hudson at (573) 450-9059

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