



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida
September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist – RITE II – PRAYER A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Adagio(from Symphony No.5)

C.M. Widor

PROCESSIONAL

We Will Extol You, Ever-blessed Lord(*Old 124th*)

Hymnal 404

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.

Adagio

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

The people sit.

Reader: A Reading from prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great

city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animal

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: 145:1-8 Exaltabo te, Deus

William Russell
(1777–1813)



Choir:

1 I will exalt you, O/ God • my/ King, *
and bless your/ Name • for/ ever • and/ ever.

All:

2 Every/ day • will I/ bless you *
and praise your/ Name • for/ ever • and/ ever.
3 Great is the Lord and/ greatly • to be/ praised; *
there/ is • no/ end to • his/ greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your/ works • to an-/ other *
and/ shall • de-/ clare • your/ power.
5 I will ponder the glorious/ splendor • of your/ majesty *
and/ all • your/ marvel- • ous/ works.
6 They shall speak of the might of your/ won- • drous/ acts, *
and/ I • will/ tell of • your/ greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your/ great/ goodness; *
they shall/ sing of • your/ right- • eous/ deeds.
8 The Lord is gracious and/ full of • com-/ passion, *
slow to/ anger • and of/ great/ kindness.

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 1:21-30

Reader: A Reading by the from the letter of Apostle Paul to the Christian Church.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE	For the Fruit of All Creation, Thanks Be to God (East Acklam)	Hymnal 424
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GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said

to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

THE SERMON

DEACON RICH WILSON

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Let us offer prayers for all who labor in the vineyard of the Lord and for all in every danger and need.

Intercessor: For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Silence,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Universal Church, its members and our mission in the world; for this congregation, for our parish clergy, for our bishop, Doug, and for Sean., our Presiding Bishop.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For all peoples and their leaders, for Donald J Trump. our President, Ron DeSantis. our Governor, and for all candidates for office, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers. For all those seeking a just wage and full employment.

Silence.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying and dead.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Read names on today's prayer list.

For those celebrating a birthday this week; Howard Furnas, Joyce Smith, Odette Hunter, Roger Murphy, Philip Herrold, June Walcott, Larry Fees, Linda Moore and Linda Matthews.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of Chris Madyda birthday by Pat Madyda. The Sanctuary candle is given in celebration of Britt and Bill Callahan's 35th Anniversary by their parents.

For any additional prayers and thanksgivings you'd like to name now, in silence or aloud.

Silence

*Presider: Gracious and merciful God, who honors the last as well as the first, hear the prayers we offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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 "Peace Be With You"

E. Butler

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

Hymnal S-129

Celebrant and People

**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	For the Bread Which You Have Broken (<i>Omni die</i>)	Hymnal 341
	Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	Hymnal 711

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	Come, Labor On(<i>Ora Labora</i>)	Hymnal 541
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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY	Rondeau (from Sinfonie de Fanfares)	J.J. Mouret
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Serving in Ministry Today- The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 20, 2026

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. Joseph Hudson Deacon Rich Wilson	Fr. Joseph Hudson Deacon Rich Wilson
Assisting	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Judy Jarvis	Degan Sayer Gigi Freeman
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	John Pearson Judy Jarvis Deacon Rich Wilson	Nancy Flood Patricia McNickle Mary Jo Cooney
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Pam Clark/ Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Greeters		Katie Wolfe
Ushers	Elizabeth Norton	Vince and Brenda Greco
Tech Team	Sound Bob Tumbleston	Wireless Cameras – Maria Voreh Yolo Box Cameras – Paul Altimier Sound – Bob Sawyer Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Libby Chinman

This Week at Good Shepherd – The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Sunday, September 20	Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II– 10 a.m.	Men's AA Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, September 21	Caregiver Giver Support Group 1:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, September 22	Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, September 23	Centering Prayer 3:00 p.m. Community Dinner 4:30 p.m.	
Thursday, September 24	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.
Friday, September 25	Creative Designs Outreach – 9:30 a.m.	
Saturday, September 26	Altar Guild – 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.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 doors at the back of our Parish Hall. See Nancy Fees, our Communication Director, to have a photo taken for the directory



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.



Birthdays: September 20- Howard Furnas; **21-** Joyce Smith, Odette Hunter and Roger Murphy; **23-** Philip Howard; **24-** June Walcott, Larry Fees and Linda Moore; **26-** Linda Matthews.

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Remember in your prayers this week:

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Holly, Ann, Ellen, Jim, Christopher, Christine, Marylin, Ed, Charles, Mary, Grace, Christina, Jeffery, Pam, Lisa, Jamie, Ryan, Debbie, Mike, Dick & Janis, John, Johnson Family, Lawlor Family, Jessica, Danielle, Nancy, Jamey, Mike, Libby, Marci, Stephanie and Deacon Michael Kitt.

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: St. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples.

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 - 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

Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064 (Unavailable September and October)

Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546 (Unavailable until further notice)

Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109