



The Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd  
Venice, Florida  
**August 10, 2025**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)**  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven**      **Hymnal 410**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**      **BCP pg 355**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**      **Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis**      **Hymnal S 280**

**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.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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 LESSONS**

#### **THE FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:12-22** *Exultate, justi*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



Cantors:

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.

**All:**

- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for de-liverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up-on us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

Cantors:

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 SECOND READING    Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Reader:*    A reading from the Book of Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader:*    The Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## Singing Songs of Expectation

**Hymnal 527**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL    Luke 12:32-40

*Deacon:*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. ✠

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in

heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 time of silent reflection on the Sermon.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**BCP pg 358**

**All: 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 worshipped 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: Dressed and ready for the coming of the kingdom, let us pray for the bounty of God in every place.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather and abundant crops, and for travelers and those on vacation. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families, and victims of violence and abuse. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. *silence*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**All: To you, O Lord.**

For our own needs and those of others, especially those on our ongoing prayer list (*Barbara, Steven, Jane, Terri, Patrick, Christopher, Vickie, Janet, Nancy, Rose, Kim, Jim, Brenda, Charles, Mary, Chris, Sammie, Abbie, Kate, Dotti, Bruce, Marybeth, Jack, Rita, Paul, Stu, baby Gus, Grace, Adam, Ken and Nicholas*) and for those on today's prayer list. Are there any others? *silence*

**All: To you, O Lord.**

We remember those celebrating their birthdays this week: Bob Tumbleston, Tony Liccardi, Diane Johnson, Ann Peck, Barry Smithies, Richard Shelley, Joe Bentley, Judy Macklin, Christopher Enger, Elizabeth Townsend, Larry Trammel, Judy Trammel, Nancy Wheeler and Paul Crawford.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of Almighty God By Larry and Nancy Fees in loving memory of William John Blair, and the Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God in appreciation for the clergy at Good Shepherd Church.

Presider: God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the sky, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring us in faith to the land you promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.**

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, if 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.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### **PRESENTATION HYMN** *(Doxology)*

**Old 100<sup>th</sup> – 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.***

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(People remain standing, as able)*

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C**

**BCP p 369**

*The Celebrant says:*

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*



God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**All: By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**All: By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS** *(sung by All)*

**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 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 Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All: We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**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 THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

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

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM** *(sung by people)*

**Hymnal S164**

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

**All are welcome to receive Communion**

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song**

**Hymnal 316**

## **Surely the Presence**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be.  
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.  
And I feel the same sweet Spirit that I've felt off times before.  
Oh, surely I can say I have been with the Lord.**

**There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place.  
I've touched the hem of his garment and I can almost see His face.  
And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy.  
I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.**

## **SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(People kneel or stand, as able)*

**Presider:** Let us pray.

**All:** 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 offers a blessing.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord**      **Hymnal 637**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**