



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

HE IS RISEN

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn

“Sing to Jesus”

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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

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 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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they

proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“When Christ Was Lifted”

The Gospel

John 17:6-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their

**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 (IV)

Let us pray for the Church and the world:

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Remembering especially Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop;

Chip Stokes, our Bishop; Father Desmond Williams, our Supply Priest; and Lou Durham, our Music Minister; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Remembering especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We ask for your Grace upon Good Shepherd Mission, that you will supply our material needs, and guidance for our church.

Upon all those in our military, especially Collin McCafferty, Nickolette McCafferty, Ted Chavis, Jimmy Sheridan, John Groenveld, Reed Mikkelson, Sean Dinn, Kevin Mattocks, Walter Wells, Sean Merritt, Nicholas DeMaria, Jonathan DeMaria, Dalton Anders, Kirk O'Connell, Nicholas Cadet, Matthew Torre,

Joseph Hodges, Aiden Borden, Keith Taylor, John Kirkbride, Felix Perez, Izak Montoya, Ruben Costelano-Gomez, and Dave Niglio.

--Pray for the Diocese of Calcutta (India).

We give thanks to you for the continued growth of the Good Shepherd Family. And for the privilege of being part of the more than 100 years this church has faithfully served our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For the birthday of: Lorelle Nottle.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those on our prayer list: Susie Hinson, Jim Nicole, Michael Kearny, Jazmin Mulero, Joan Jackson, Bob and Patti Griffith, The Venditto & Mocerri families, Norman Rogers, The McCafferty & Nottle Family, Blake Pearlman, Fran Clark, Geanine Lamberger, Judy Molway, Joey Majarowitz, the King family, George Makin, Angelina Luciano, Jim Haverstick, Keith Peckham, Sally Stockman, Sara Ropski, Leo Magee, Kim McCafferty, Diane Pachini, Elizabeth Watson and family, John, Russell Hand, John Collier, Jason Rosado, Alice Williams, for the nation of Lebanon during this time of upheaval, Bob Nottle, Lance Nottle, Mackenzie; for all teachers, students, administrators back in school; for the over 33 million Americans and the 157 million people worldwide who have COVID-19, and all the people working on the front lines during this pandemic.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Ted Hardy, Richie Pachini, Michael Venditto, and the over 3.3 million people worldwide from the Coronavirus, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Confession of Sin *(celebrant 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.**

Celebrant:

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

In accordance with diocesan guidelines, please remain seated in your pews and acknowledge those around you. Thank you.

Announcements

We still have **Wawa hoagie coupons** for sale, \$5 each. Please see Darlene if you would like any to purchase and/or sell. Proceeds benefit our church.

Our **TD Bank Gift Card Raffle** is back. Tickets are \$5 each. Please consider purchasing as many as you can and take some to sell to your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. Proceeds benefit our church. For tickets, please see or contact Darlene Watson 856-206-2541 or Lillian Knott 856-767-7994. Let us make it another successful fundraiser for our church.

If you are watching from home, you may give the church your donation online by visiting **ww.goodshepherdberlin.com**, or you may continue to mail in your collection to the church at 108 W. Broad Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009, or just drop it through the mail slot. We thank you for your continued kindness.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (A)

(All stand as you are able.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 and Benedictus

**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. Celebrant 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.

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,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant:

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 is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn 1

“I Am The Bread Of Life”

Communion Hymn 2

“Be Not Afraid”

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Recessional Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

In accordance with diocesan guidelines, when the service is concluded, the celebrant will be unable to greet the congregants. Please exit the church in a safe manner as directed by the ushers.

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Thank you for joining us today. You may also listen via Zoom or watch on YouTube if you will not be attending in person.

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

- Liturgical leaders who are **fully vaccinated** may now read, preach, serve, or celebrate without a mask, **so long as a six-foot distance from all other households can be maintained.**
- The whole congregation **may sing indoors as long as all are masked and there is a minimum six-foot distance between households.** When singing outdoors, those who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks.
- Continue to follow all contact-tracing procedures you have established or ensure that you can still provide contact-tracing support to your local public health authority if there is an infection reported by someone who has recently attended worship or a meeting.
- Communion (in one kind only) may be distributed in any way that allows for continual six-foot distancing between households/immunological bubbles. ***The common cup is not yet approved.***
- In accordance with current state guidance at time of release, masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated people at outdoor services and meetings so long as six-foot distancing is maintained. **Congregants are expected to love one another and take personal responsibility for wearing masks if unvaccinated.**
- All other guidelines remain in place. Because there will still be limited seating available, we ask that you continue to reserve a seat weekly.