

**THE RENEWAL OF MINISTRY  
WITH THE WELCOMING OF A NEW RECTOR**



**GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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5:00 PM**

## Order of Procession:

*Crucifer*  
*Server*  
*Ecumenical/Interfaith Representatives*  
*Diocesan Clergy*  
*Parish Clergy*  
*Deacon*  
*Wardens*  
*New Rector*  
*Bishop*

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## Gathering of the Community

*Prelude: "On Eagles' Wings" (Michael Joncas, arr. S. B. Oines)*

*Opening Hymn: "All are welcome" (Green Songbook, #1)*

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

*Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*

*People Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;*

*People There is one hope in God's call to us;*

*Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;*

*People One God, Creator of all.*

*Bishop The Lord be with you.*

*People And also with you.*

*Bishop Let us pray.*

*O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The people are seated. The Wardens stand near the Bishop.*

*The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes*

*People of Good Shepherd, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.*

*Wardens Karin Elsen and Ellen Blackburn*

*We have chosen and called Gary Brower to be our Rector, and he has accepted.*

*Bishop*

*I commend your choice and affirm this call*

*The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues*

*Are you, the people of Good Shepherd, ready to continue in your ministry, with Gary as your priest?*

*People We are.*

*The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly, and present the keys of the church, saying,*

*Gary, receive these keys, and join us in keeping the doors of this place open to all people.*

*Rector*

*Amen. All are welcome in this place.*

## The Word of God

*Lectors Mary Ann Panarelli, Rachel Blackburn, and Tom Billings, present the lectern Bible and say*

*Gary, with this Bible we proclaim and bear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.*

*Rector*

*Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.*

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

### A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel (36.24-28)

*I will take you from the nations, I will gather you from all the countries, and I will bring you to your own fertile land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed of all your pollution. I will cleanse you of all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one, and I will give you my spirit so that you may walk according to my regulations and carefully observe my case laws. Then you will live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, you will be my people, and I will be your God.*

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.*

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 16.5-11

- 5 *O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.*
- 6 *My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*
- 7 *I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.*
- 8 *I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*
- 9 *My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.*
- 10 *For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*
- 11 *You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

### A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (6.3-11)

*Don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's*

*power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.*

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.*

*People Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (10.35-45)**

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory." Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."*

*Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Homily**

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Bishop  
Gary; people of Good Shepherd: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?*

*People We will, with God's help.*

*Bishop  
The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*The Bishop may bless the water.*

*We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*Rector  
Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.*

*Water is poured into the font and the Bishop or the Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?*

*People I do.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

*People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

*People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

*People I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?*

*People I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and  
return to the Lord?*

*People I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*

*People I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*

*People I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*

*People I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop or Rector*

*May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Prayers**

*A symbol of prayer is brought forward by Trish Hartman, Jeff Spahr, and Jim Wolfe, Intercessors from the congregation.*

*Gary, with this prayer book we offer our prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.*

*Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the*

*Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.*

## **A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church**

*Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.*

*Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.*

*For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,  
We thank you, Lord.*

*For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,*

*We thank you, Lord.*

***For the fellowship of all your Saints,***

*We thank you, Lord.*

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology*

*Celebrant*     ***Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;***

*People*        ***For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.***

*Celebrant*     ***Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;***

*People*        ***And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.***

*A flask of oil for healing is presented by parishioners Christina Blackburn, and Vorry and Candace Moon.*

***Gary, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.***

*Rector*     ***Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.***

*All stand. The Bishop or new Rector says to the people*

***The peace of Christ be always with you.***

*People*        ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Communion**

*Head of the Altar Guild Nan Bebringer, and Head of the Ushers Chuck Kelley, bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine.*

*Addressing the Rector, they say*

***Gary, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.***

*Rector*     ***Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.***

*The deacon brings the elements to the table, and the Offertory continues as an anthem is sung.*

***Offertory Anthem: "Prayer of St. Francis" (by Helen Litz)***

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

***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.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:*

*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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

*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.*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 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."*

*Therefore, according to his command, O Father,*

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

*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. Amen.*

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is said*

*People Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

*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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

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

### *Music during Communion*

*“Holy Manna” (arr. Larry Sue) — Bell Trio*

*“Father, we thank thee who hast planted” (Blue Hymnal, 302)*

*“Let us break bread together” (Blue Hymnal, 325)*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

*Let us pray.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world*

*and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

*Bishop*  
*We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Gary, I commend to your love and care the people of Good Shepherd. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, Gary.*

*The bishop, or the priest, may bless the assembly.*

*God's blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. Amen.*

*Closing Hymn: "We know that Christ is raised" (Blue Hymnal, 296)*

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon*      *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*People*      *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

*Postlude: "Praising!" (Gilbert Martin)*

## **Thanks to Participants:**

*Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Kimberly Lucas, XI Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado*

*Celebrant: The Rev. Gary R. Brower, PhD, Rector*

*Deacon of the Mass: The Rev. Nadine Pope, Deacon*

*Wardens: Karin Elsen, Senior Warden; Ellen Blackburn, Junior Warden*

*Lectors: Ezekiel: Mary Ann Panarelli*

*Psalm: Rachel Blackburn*

*Romans: Tom Billings*

*Litanist: Jeff Spahr*

*Presenters: Prayer Book: Tricia Hartman, Jeff Spahr, Jim Wolfe  
Olive Oil: Christina Blackburn, Vorry and Candace Moon  
Bread and Wine: Nan Behringer, Chuck Kelly*

*Acolytes: Rachel Blackburn, Eric Earnest*

*Musicians: Connie Branton, Organist/Choir Director; The Women of the Good Shepherd Choir  
DeeDee Atwood, Contemporary Music Director; MorningSong  
Bell Trio, Tricia Hartman (Director); Jim Ball, Irma Princic*

*Altar Guild: Nan Bebringer, Mary Counter, Elaine Schofield, Marion McDonald, Irma Princic*

*Ushers: Chuck and Sue Kelley, Donna White*

*Greeters: Joe Gavlick, Anne McMabon, Marilyn Taylor, David Mathews*

*Reception  
Coordinator: Jennifer Spahr*

*Audio-Visual  
Technician: Chuck Baker, St. Peter's Lutheran Church*

*"Sheep-herding": Mike Blackburn*

**Thanks for coming today!**

