



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30A

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

JULY 7, 2024

WELCOME

WORSHIP

The Holy Eucharist – readings from and responses to the Bible and the celebration of Holy Communion – is the central act of Sunday worship in the Episcopal Church. This leaflet contains the text and hymns necessary to participate in this service.

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available at the entrance to the main church on the Windsor campus - please ask an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS

Public restrooms are available in the narthex and the Parish Life Center (PLC) atrium.

PARKING

In addition to on-campus parking, space is available (*Sunday mornings only*) at Tarrytown Shopping Center across Windsor and Wells Fargo Bank one block east on Windsor. If you park on a street, please be sure that you are not parked in a fire lane or blocking a driveway.

REQUEST PRAYERS

Intercessory prayer is a vital element of our public worship and private devotions. Our parish prays our prayer list during our Sunday services. Additionally, the clergy of the parish regularly remembers by name all those for whom the parish's prayers have been invited, as do members of our Wednesday women's prayer group. We warmly encourage you to invite prayers for yourself and for those you love by scanning the QR code on the right.



CONNECT

If you are new to Good Shepherd or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a newcomer card located in the pew racks, narthex, or Parish Life Center atrium and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or clergy person. You can also fill out a newcomer card online at GSAUSTIN.ORG > **I'M NEW > CONNECT WITH US**, or by scanning this QR code.



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Our website: gsaustin.org

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PRELUDE

ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 636 *How firm a foundation*

FOUNDATION

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

GLORIA *Robert Powell*

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All 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our
neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our
whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The ReadingsREADING I *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

2: 1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

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Choir 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor

THE GOSPEL

6: 1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Terence Gleeson, *Priest for Liturgy*

Celebrant Let us profess our faith.

We pray for those...

In need of comfort

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
 Sean Gleeson
 Chris Sumers
 Patricia Sterling
 Anne Flanagan
 Chris
 Ken
 Ron
 Kathy
 BJ Andrews
 Larry and Susie Opalka
 Wyatt
 Bill Bednar
 Pam
 Barbara Trainor
 Mike
 Steve
 Seibels
 Kallie Harrington
 Betty Hendrix
 Ann Bahan
 Kent
 Burton Roberts
 David Johnson
 Steven Riley
 Stanley
 Mark Hardin
 Michael
 Leslie McMillan
 Will
 Ernie Dean
 Coleman Horton
 Julie Harrington
 Barbara Eckert
 Taylor
 The Burke family
 The Murphy family
 The Wright family
 The Fitzsimons family

Those in crisis in

Ukraine
 Israel
 Palestine
 The southern border

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 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.

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life,
saying “Lord, hear and have mercy.”

Leader For the Church of the living God throughout the world, for the life and ministry of the
Episcopal Church, and the congregations of our diocese, let us ask the riches of God’s grace.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai, our Bishops, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and all
who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to
follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For our nation, for her integrity and wisdom, her harmony and justice,
let us ask the inspiration of Christ.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored; for....;
that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience
(remembering especially ...) let us ask the peace of Christ.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For all whom we have injured or offended,
let us ask the forgiveness of Christ.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.

People Lord, hear and have mercy.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, ✠pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Expecting the birth of a child

Lauren King
Walker Pinney
Amy Sargent
Lauren Durbin
Anne Marie Cain
Abby Burke Henderson
Avery Hinkle McNamara
Elisabeth Pefanis McAuley
Bernadette Stewart
Layla Harkness
Callie Clemons Burns
Louise McNutt Brazitis
Caroline Hammond
Victoria Kline
Kate Reilly Richter
Blair Nelson
Courtney Becker
McCall Cunningham Adams
Evelyn Eickenhorst
Kelly Moreland
Laura Hur Betancourt
Natalie Babb Jenkins
Britni McAshan

Births

Harlan Jolink Greene
Margaret Maren Hawley

Deaths

Patricia Hughs Burke
Sean Murphy
Cecily Wright

Serving in the armed forces

Ronald Glenn Dewees
Ruben Hays
Caleb Hayen
Shay Archer
Alexandra Mauro
Nico Barrangan
Jim Lively
Andrew Gray
Claten Bechtol
Zachary Pierce

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *I to the Hills lift up mine Eyes*

Jean Berger

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SANCTUS *Robert Powell*

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *A period of silence is kept*

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God

Giving to Good Shepherd

Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd. To make an offering online, please scan here:



ANTHEM *A Communion Prayer*

Gerald Near

HYMN 635 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

WER NUN DEN LIEBEN GOTT

About Communion

We are an open and inclusive community, committed to the unity of Christ's Body, the Church, and to welcoming all to the Table of the Lord. Gluten free wafers are always available.

If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms against your chest.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (*As needed*)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you minister may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The Wisdom of God, ✠ the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.

People Amen.

HYMN 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

HYFRYDOL

DISMISSAL




Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558*

J.S. Bach

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7 TODAY**
JULY 7
- TRINITY STREETS**
At Trinity Streets, we serve meals for 40-65 people coming in off the streets of downtown Austin on Sunday afternoons. Volunteers serve from 2:00p-4:30p by preparing and serving meals, hosting a worship service for those coming to Trinity Center, and cleaning the kitchen afterwards. To attend please register by scanning the QR code on the right.
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- 9 TUESDAY**
JULY 9
- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**
Women's Book Club is an intergenerational group that meets in the reflection room on the Windsor campus (with online participation option) at 5:00p on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet for lively conversation while discussing books through the lens of a shared spiritual journey. In July we will read and reflect on *Table for Two*, Amor Towles. With questions and a link to join the meeting, please contact Linda Gorzycski, woodcats@flash.net.
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- 14 SUNDAY**
JULY 14
- FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE REV. TERRY GLEESON**
Join us on Sunday, July 14, for a special reception celebrating the remarkable ministry of the Rev. Terry Gleeson, who is retiring after 44 years of dedicated service across Australia, New York, Vermont, California, and Texas. Terry has enriched our worship with his thoughtful liturgy and pastoral care during his three years as Priest for Liturgy at Good Shepherd. The reception will take place in the Parish Life Center on Windsor, immediately following the 10:30a services. Let's come together to express our gratitude, share in fellowship, and bid Terry a heartfelt farewell as he embarks on this new chapter. All are welcome to attend.
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- 18 THURSDAY**
JULY 18
- MOBILE LOAVES AND FISHES: FOOD TRUCK PREP + RUN**
Join Good Shepherd's Team 102 for the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food Truck prep and run. Sign up to prepare sandwiches and load the truck from 4:00p-5:00p at the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Commissary (at St. John Neumann's Catholic Church). You may also sign up for the truck run from 5:00p-7:00p, where you'll take food to several locations around Austin. All volunteers are welcome! To attend please register by scanning the QR code on the right or visit: gsaustin.org/event/mlf-food-truck
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- 19 FRIDAY**
JULY 19
- PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING**
If you like to knit and crochet, or are interested in learning, then you are welcome and invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Good Shepherd. We meet the third Friday of the month from 10:30a-12:00p in the Windsor art room, second floor of the education center. Yarn and friendship are provided! With questions please contact Judy Vance, javance06@yahoo.com.
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- ST. BRIGID'S GUILD COOK DAY**
The St. Brigid's Guild prepares frozen meal items on a regular basis for anyone in need, helps when called upon with meal preparation for parish activities and outreach, and is continually expanding the cooking knowledge of its members. St. Brigid's Guild Cook day is on the third Friday of every month in the PLC kitchen. We are always looking for new guild members! If you are interested in joining, a food handler's license is required. With questions, please contact Louise Brown, louisedb46@gmail.com.
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- 20 SATURDAY**
JULY 20
- COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE: MOVE-INS**
Community First! Village (CFV) is a 51-acre community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for people coming out of chronic homelessness. Come be a part of the Spirit at work in our community. We will meet at 9:00a at the Community First! Village's 'The Front Porch' building across from large parking lot on the first right turn after you come into the community. We will be guided to one of the new homes to clean and furnish for recently unhoused neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity for families with teens to serve together. All volunteers are welcome! To attend please register by scanning the QR code on the right.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every week our Sunday worship is a team effort, involving not just clergy and staff but an array of volunteers. We especially need readers, ushers to help distribute bulletins, show people to their seats and generally assist with the service as needed. We are also looking for lay eucharistic ministers and vergers. Please consider signing up to help as you are able. With questions please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org.

CALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our Sunday morning ministries to the children and youth at Good Shepherd are only possible because of the dedication and care of faithful volunteers. Our teaching teams work together to lead Godly Play (3 years-2nd grade), Edge Bible Study (3rd-5th grades), and Middle + High School Bible Study (6th-12th grades) on a regular rotation serving once every 6 weeks. We are looking to add faithful and caring adults of all ages to our fantastic team of teachers for Fall of 2024. If you might be called to serve in this way, let us know by filling out this form!



BECOME A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person who is trained and certified to take communion from one of our Sunday services to members of the congregation who, due to illness or infirmity, are unable to be present to receive communion in person. This is an extremely rewarding ministry and you are invited to prayerfully consider if this might be something you are interested in doing. Please contact Paige Alvarez Hanks, *Priest for Pastoral Care* at paige@gsaustin.org or through the church office.

HOW TO VIEW YOUR PLEDGE AND GIVING HISTORY ONLINE

Your gifts make all of our ministry possible. Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd's mission. If you are curious about your giving and pledge history, please visit the Good Shepherd website at gsaustin.org on your phone or computer web browser.

- Click "login" via the white navigation bar at the top of the home page to ACS: [https:// secure.accessacs.com/](https://secure.accessacs.com/)
- Enter your username and password
- If you haven't already, you can create an account here
- Once logged in, your activity screen will appear
- Click on "My Giving Summary" located at the bottom left of the screen
- View your giving and pledge history from the past two years!

ANNOUNCING THE CALL OF AN ACTING RECTOR

June 26, 2024

Dear Good Shepherd,

We are very excited to announce that the Vestry has called the Rev. Stanford Adams to become acting rector of Good Shepherd, and Stanford has accepted our call.

Earlier this year, the Vestry named a Parish Profile committee and tasked it with writing a thorough profile of Good Shepherd and what our parish hopes for in its next rector. This committee hosted two parish-wide forums and created and shared an online survey to receive input from our parishioners. With the feedback from the forums and survey, the committee created the profile, including a section titled “The Rector We Seek.”

When the vestry reviewed the description, it became clear that the rector our parish is seeking was already among us! Specifically, we discussed Stanford’s gifts in the spiritual leadership of our community; his insightful and meaningful preaching; and his strong management capabilities. At that time, the Vestry voted unanimously to approach the Diocese with a request to make Stanford Adams our next rector.

While the Episcopal Diocese of Texas does not allow the calling of a rector from within a parish’s existing clergy, Bishop Andy Doyle has outlined a process in which our parish can pause its search, allowing Stanford to serve as acting rector for at least one year while we conduct long-term planning and develop strategic goals for the parish. The bishop noted that we as a parish are already making progress under Stanford’s leadership. At the end of this term as acting rector, the bishop and vestry will review the progress we have made on these goals so that Stanford can become Good Shepherd’s permanent rector.

We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support for Stanford over the past six months and the leadership he has already demonstrated. Further, we are heartened by the strong interest we heard from so many of you to serve on a Search Committee. One of Good Shepherd’s greatest assets is the energy of its people, and this was no exception! As a vestry, we believe the path the bishop has laid out is very appropriate for Good Shepherd and will lead to the continued growth and strength of our parish.

Stanford will begin his term as acting rector in July, and we will plan an opportunity soon to celebrate this next phase of parish leadership.

We are excited about the future of Good Shepherd. We are fortunate to be a strong and growing parish, and we are excited about Stanford’s leadership. Thank you for your support of the parish as we begin this new phase of our life together.

Peace,

John Pitts, *Senior Warden*

J. Pieratt, *Junior Warden*

Dear Friends,

I am excited to accept the vestry’s call to be Good Shepherd’s acting rector. I love the ministry that you and I share here, and I am thrilled by the chance to help lead our parish community into its next chapter.

I love our parish. You are committed to the work of following Jesus. You have so many different experiences and perspectives, and you value connection and community with each other. You are welcoming to newcomers. You care for each other and for those outside of the parish. You are willing to take risks in service of your vision for ministry. You do all of these things individually and together as a parish community. And the results are wonderful: a growing parish on two campuses, an expanding mission, and a sense of community.

Now we get to dream together about the priorities for our ministry in this new season. During the next year, I expect that this will be a focus of my time and yours – to help discern what our ministry will look like for the coming years. This is exciting work!

I am grateful for the support of Bishop Doyle and Bishop Ryan, and I am honored to serve with such capable and committed vestry members and wardens. In particular, I am thankful for the leadership of Senior Warden John Pitts and Junior Warden J. Pieratt. John and J. have invested significant time and effort to ensure that our community remains strong during this transition.

I am very glad to share ministry with you here. I am excited about Good Shepherd’s future, and I am honored to accept your call.

With peace and love,

Stanford