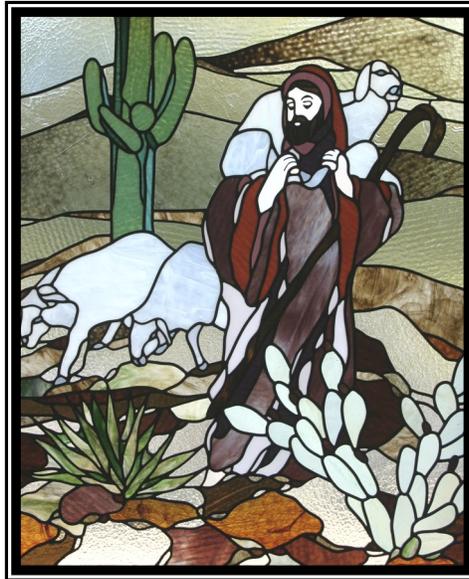


# **Good Shepherd of The Hills Episcopal Church**

*A Jubilee Ministry Center*



**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**Celebrant The Rev. John Christopher  
Lector Lynn Walsh**

## **Our Missional Vision**

Good Shepherd of the Hills brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors in the Foothills Community, so that they may know Him and be brought into the fellowship of His Church.

**The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop**  
**The Rev. John Christopher, Interim Priest**  
**The Rev. Glenn Jenks, Rector Emeritus**  
**Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music**  
**Ashley Phillips, Director of Children's Ministry**  
**Jarrood Phillips, Director of Youth Ministry**  
**Teresa Garnica, Sexton**



## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

### The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God***

**Psalm 78:1-7**  
**(The Psalm Will Be Read in Unison)**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;

## A Reading from The Letter of Paul to Thessalonians

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the arch-angel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

***People:*** Thanks be to God

## The Gospel

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Message**

**The Rev. John Christopher**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith.

**People: We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:  
who created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. **Amen**

## “I Need Thee Every Hour”

By Robert Lowry

### Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Holy and Divine One, we ask you to hear our prayers as we offer them up to you. These prayers are our heartfelt desires for the world and ALL who live in it. We say “**AMEN**” after each supplication.

We pray for all who are suffering with the virus and ask that they will be healed. **AMEN**

We pray for all the courageous frontline people who serve others while putting themselves in danger. **AMEN**

We pray for everyone who doesn't have food, water, or shelter due to poverty or the loss of employment. **AMEN**

We pray for all who are diligently working on a vaccine for the virus. **AMEN**

We pray for all who suffer from racism and bigotry and ask for those who hate to open their hearts. **AMEN**

We pray for unity and not discord in our government. We ask they step up in true leadership to help all citizens. **AMEN**

We pray for all who have passed and their families and friends. Shine the Light of Love on them. **AMEN**

We pray that the world learns many lessons from the pandemic to include the care of our world, tolerance towards one another, and how we can live with much less so that we can give more to others. **AMEN**

We pray for all those suffering from depression, addiction, domestic violence, loneliness, or lack of hope. God give them renewed faith and strength. **AMEN**

We pray that our own faiths become stronger as we rely on God more to get us through this. **AMEN**

We pray for our church and that the tumultuous times are past. There is a new day dawning, one that is filled with love, helping, joy, and new faces to re-energize Good Shepherd. **AMEN**

Lastly, we pray that both individually and collectively we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in all we do. **AMEN**

Celebrant: We ask these things in humility and in reverence for the ONE who created the Universe and brought Love into this world and into our lives. **AMEN**

*Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Virtual Offering**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Celebrant and People:*

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 Priest gives the Blessing.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.



**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn #436 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

1 Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be-hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci-ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por-tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re-deem-er, come! I o-pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov-ereign; en-ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo-ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru-ler is con-fessed! O hap-py hearts and  
 3 tem-ple, set a-part from earth-ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a-bide! Let me thy in-ner  
 5 no-bler life be-gin; thy Ho-ly Spi-rit

1 draw-ing near; the Sa-vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap-py homes to whom this King of tri-umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em-ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres-ence feel: thy grace and love in me re-veal.  
 5 guide us on, un-til the glo-rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
 Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.



**Please Pray For the Following People**

Mariah Myers, Paddi Mozilo, Judy Bruce, Sherron Hodgkinson,  
Deacon Michael Douglas, James Micuda, Mike, Tracie,  
Erica Richardson, Alice Crichton, Jenny West, Kathy Frederick,  
Sarah, Jeff Savage, Carolyn Ingram & family, David Ingram,  
Tyler Thoms, Patricia Wolfe, Sally, Tom Sampson,  
Tabitha Erickson, Michael Ajamie,  
The Family and Friends of Fr. Glenn Jenks,  
The Family and Friends of Julian Pope, Marilyn Allen

**Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces**

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker,  
Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie,  
Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, John A. Malley-Garza,  
Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr.,  
David Allen Slockett



We ask for your blessing for those celebrating  
their birthday:

Spencer Wilson, Zander Vessels, Jim Bell

and their anniversary:

Rob and Rachael Madden

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Sack Lunch/Meal Making is Tuesday, November 10!**

Our Sack Lunch/Meal Making for the homeless and under-employed is Tuesday, November 10th! To participate please pack your meals in 1 gallon clear baggies and drop them off at Maitland Hall by 3 pm Tuesday. We will then take them to the St Vincent de Paul Dining Room at 9227 N. 10th Ave in Phoenix.

Food suggestions can include 2 PB and J sandwiches or 2 tuna/chicken packets (per sack lunch), granola bars, peanuts, trail mix, juice box, small applesauce packet, fruit cups, nutrition bars, etc. Please include a napkin and small plastic fork/and or spoon. You can be creative but be very careful to disinfect your working area and don't pack anything perishable! We would like to be able to deliver at least 100 meals, so if you are able please consider making 4 meals. Thank you in advance!

Your Sack Lunch Ministry,

Don Robbins, Margaret Walker, Stephanie Nesbitt, Priscilla Brown



### **The Holland Center Mission**

*“To drive community enrichment through arts, education and community service programs for all generations.”*

The Holland Center is partnering with Embry Health Clinic to offer zero-cost COVID testing to our Foothills community. We are excited to be able to offer this resource to our community and thankful to Embry Health Clinic for this opportunity!

The outdoor testing site will be in the Holland Center parking lot on the Black Mountain Campus, next to Paradise Valley Community College and the YMCA. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 7AM to 6PM. Appointments are required and are booked directly through Embry Health at <https://embrywomenshealth.com/covid-19-testing-at-the-holland-center/>

COVID testing is zero-cost to patients, regardless of insurance.

Testing is available for all ages, kids and adults.

Kids under 18 must have a legal guardian present.

All providers have certified medical backgrounds.

Results are typically posted in 24-48 hours.

More information can be found at [www.embrywomenshealth.com](http://www.embrywomenshealth.com)

All COVID testing will be outdoors in the NW corner of our parking lot. We will continue our regular programming indoors at the Holland Center with nightly cleaning and disinfecting. The health and safety of our patrons is extremely important to us. Be sure to check out our website for upcoming classes, shows and events!

If you need additional information or have questions regarding COVID testing, please contact Embry Health directly at (480) 376-2175.

## **GOLD MINE NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!**

**Clean out your closets and bring us your gently used items!  
We are accepting donations during business hours Wednesday—  
Saturday 9 am to 3pm! We appreciate your continue support!**



### **You're Invited!**

#### ***Coffee with Mary***

Join Mary every Tuesday via Zoom at 10am!  
Zoom meeting to get together with each other  
and discuss our many blessings and tribulations.

During the pandemic I know how hard it is to be isolated and  
alone. Desperate feelings appear one never knew they had. But,  
if one steps back and can voice their fears and joys to someone it  
is helpful. God is always listening...



Please check your email for the Zoom Invite (it is sent out the  
Monday prior ) if you would like to join us! -Mary Pierce

You're invited!

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has started back up on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am via Zoom.



Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

Our prayer session will consist of an opening reading, 20-minute silent meditation, a spiritual video, and a brief closing discussion.

Please check your email for the Zoom Invite (it is sent out the Tuesday prior ) if you would like to join us! You can contact the office at [goodshepherdaz@msn.com](mailto:goodshepherdaz@msn.com) if you have any questions!



Father John will be holding a Compline Service via Zoom every Wednesday beginning at 7pm. You can follow along using The Book of Common Prayer P. 127, or the online version of BCP that can be found on our website here (<https://www.goodshepherdaz.org/join-us-online.html>).

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