

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 12, 2024

10:00 AM Rite II

*Join us on Facebook as we live stream this Eucharist:*

[www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/](http://www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/)

*Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here!*

**Prelude**

Joy Overflowing

Cindy Berry

**Welcome**

**Gathering Song**

**Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

**Hymnal #214**

**Opening Acclamation**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Collect for Purity**

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**

**Hymnal #S278**

**Collect of the Day**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A Reading from the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 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!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \***  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

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.

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

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

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Celtic Alleluia**

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

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

**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 behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Sarah A. Conner

## The Nicene Creed

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.

*You may sit or kneel for the prayers*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Form III BC*

Leader: Let us joyfully offer our prayers to the Lord:

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Carol, our Bishops, Martha, our Regional Canon, Sarah, our Interim Priest, our Rector Search Committee, and for all the clergy and people.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give special thanks for those in our parish family who are celebrating birthdays this week: Madelyn Zitoli, Jack Marlin, Bob Stasonis, Sean DuRoss, Kyle DuRoss, Rob Goodwin, Leslie McGovern, and those celebrating anniversaries this week: Jack and Karen Marlin

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. We remember Joseph & Helen Concannon, in whose memory the altar flowers are given; and Caroline McDonald, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit and Peter Vachon, who died recently.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The altar flowers are also given in thanksgiving for the joy of Mairead, Caileen & Ian.  
**We thank you for these and all our loved ones.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The Presider adds a concluding collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## **Invitation:**

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

**Preparation of the Table**    The Love of Christ

Marty Parks

**Easter Doxology**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

**Presider:**    The Lord be with you.

**People:**    **And also with you.**

**Presider:**    Lift up your hearts.

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

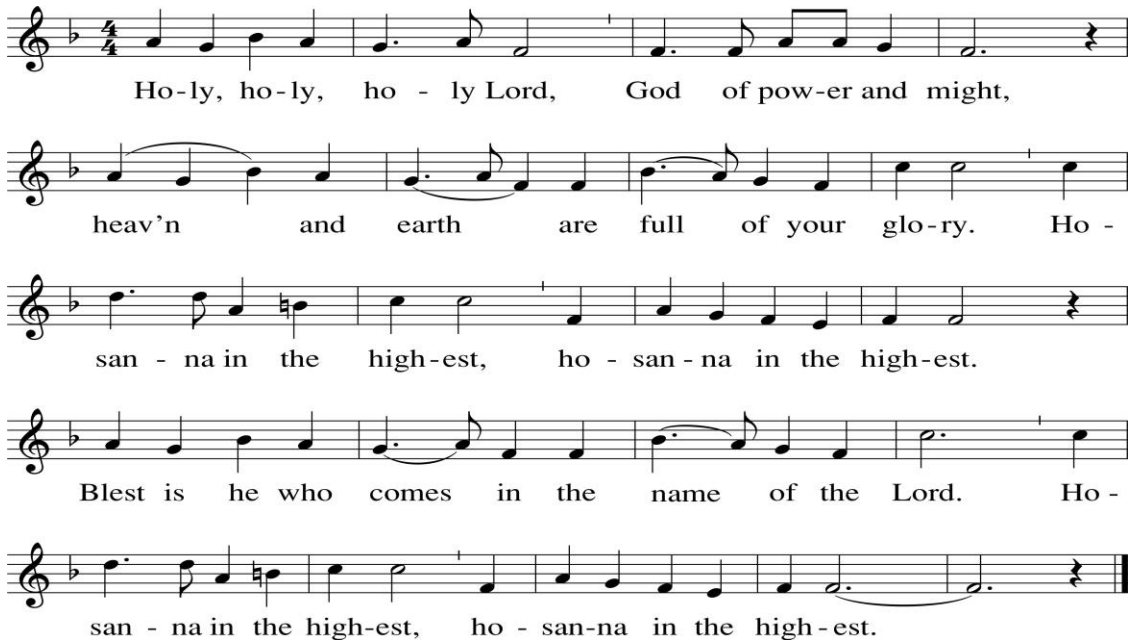
**Presider:**    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**    **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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.

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,




Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

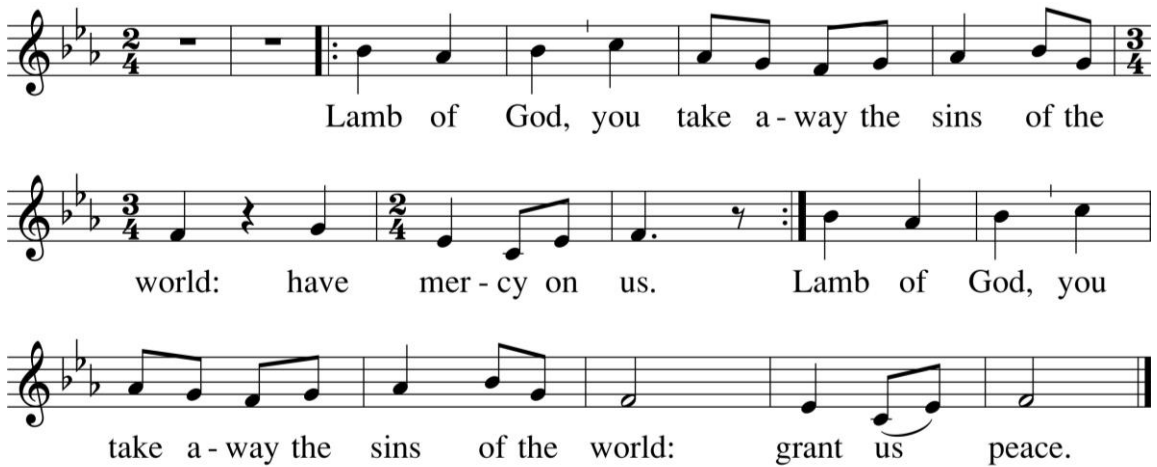
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

## Fraction Anthem



The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written on three staves in G minor (one flat) and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a 2/4 time signature, followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics under the first staff are "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff starts with a 3/4 time signature, then changes to 2/4, and ends with a repeat sign. The lyrics under the second staff are "world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The third staff continues the melody and lyrics: "take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

**Communion Hymns:**

**Come to the Banquet**

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**I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord**

**Hymnal #304**

## Come to the Banquet

### Refrain

Come to the ban - quet, come to the feast. Eat the bread of  
 life! Share in the sing - ing, share in the joy.  
*To verses* *Last time*  
 Drink the cup of love! love! Share the joy!

### Verses

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of the  
 2. Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly  
 3. Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin -  
 4. With heav'n - ly bread makes those who hun - ger  
 Lord. and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
 Son, who by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
 cere, and take the prom - ise of sal - va - tion here.  
 whole, gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 Saved by his bod - y, hal - lowed by his blood, with  
 Gave up his life for great - est and for least, Him -  
 The Lord, who faith - ful ser - vants loves and shields, to  
 Be - fore your pres - ence, Lord, all peo - ple bow. In  
 D.C.  
 souls re - freshed, we give our thanks to God.  
 self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
 all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields.  
 this your feast of love be with us now.

## Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray  
*Please stand*

**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

Presider: The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**Hymnal #460**

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

Jubilation

G. F. Handel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**2024 Annual Spring Auction:** Our theme this year is “**Take Me out to the Ballgame**” – Don’t miss this fun filled evening of great fellowship, great food and fun activities! Sign-up sheet is on our bulletin board. See our flyer at the back of this bulletin for additional information.

**Auction Baseball raffle.**

Purchase your lucky baseball for \$20 or 6 for \$100.

Maybe you will hit a Home Run.

**First prize- \$750, 2nd prize- \$250, 3rd prize- Gift Basket.**

Baseballs can be purchased during coffee hour on Sundays, or you can contact the office to receive your special lucky ball number.

**Home Run Derby**

Buy a team for \$100. Five teams available. Winning team with most homers split the pot with the church. Purchase team (name your own) at coffee hour or at the auction. Proceeds from the Mock Baseball game will go to The North Reading Senior Center. See Spencer Dalby if you have any questions.

**Search Committee:** Final Focus Group today at 11 a.m. for anyone interested in meeting with Search Committee representatives to discuss additional questions or concerns that you might have related to rector search. It will be in the small meeting room next to the church office.

**Reading Food Bank:** Drop off on Sunday or during office hours. There is a box in front of the side altar New Needs List: Laundry Detergent, paper towels, granola bars, crackers (town house, etc.), Canned Fruit (Mandarin oranges, pineapple, peaches), Market Basket Gift Cards.



**Bread of Life:** The next in person volunteer day will be Friday, June 7, at First Baptist Church, 493 Main St., Malden (no April volunteer day). Volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Sharon and Tony Lopes at 978-710-6927, or via email, [lopesantonio622@gmail.com](mailto:lopesantonio622@gmail.com).

**Bread of Life Sponsors for May:** Jane Farrar and Sarah Conner.

**Funeral Planning Forms:** If you would like a planning form, you may pick one up in the church office, or the form can be mailed to you.

**The Bargain Box:** The Bargain Box hours are every Friday, 10am-3pm, Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays, from 9am-12pm, or during the store's open hours. **Donations are down!** Please help us by cleaning out your closets before we close for the month of July. We are not accepting winter clothes at this time. **Bargain Box needs substitutes.** If we are unable to get substitutes to cover for our regularly scheduled volunteers, we will be forced to close and not be able to serve the community. If you can help or if you need additional information contact Martha at [jacksnana1@verizon.net](mailto:jacksnana1@verizon.net) or 781-944-6964. **This month our designated charity is Bread of Life.**

**For Your Prayers This Week:** Rebecca Bellistri, Jennifer Bryson, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Ruth Clogston, Joe Field, Jack Giordani, Pete Jeffrey, Neil Kelly, Gene Kilpatrick, Paul Marean, Paul Marlin, Chick Meech, Rhonda & JB Miller, Bonnie Morin, Mark Mueller, Mary Muir, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Sam Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Terry Swanson, Bill Webb, Tyler Wishart.

**Birthdays this Week:** Madelyn Zitoli, Jack Marlin, Bob Stasonis, Sean DuRoss, Kyle DuRoss, Rob Goodwin, Leslie McGovern.

**Anniversaries this week:** Jack and Karen Marlin

**Book of Remembrance:** Rose Bentley, Alma Pendergast, Charlotte Ross Wells, Carl Marshall, Nancy Boyer Druid, Judi Kyle-Brenna, Jeannette Crouse, Margaret Wrigley, C. Virginia Bowen, Ida May Ives, Jean E. Serrentino.

**Altar Flowers:** In memory of my parents, Joseph & Helen Concannon, given by Mary Ines, and for the joy of Mairead, Caileen, and Ian, given by Mary Vincent.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** In memory of Caroline McDonald, given by Dave & Edna McDonald.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Churches of the Concord River Deanery*  
St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough, St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury, St. Peter's Church, Weston, The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds.

**Today's Lay Ministers in Liturgy:** Lector: Earle Sinnatamby; Ushers: Bob Farrar, Tim McLaughlin; Altar Guild: Martha Wishart; Flower Delivery: Kathy McDormand; Lay Eucharistic Minister: Spencer Dalby

**Medical Emergency:** *If there is a medical emergency during worship, please notify one of our ushers. An AED is located in the hallway, and they have a phone available to dial 911*



## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2024 ANNUAL AUCTION

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME  
MAY 18, 2024

95 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867

Potluck & Concession Stand 6-7PM – LIVE AUCTION 7-9PM

Activities: Wine Raffle – Winner takes all!  
Cobalt Creations Boutique  
Mock Baseball game

Raffle: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Get your baseball and hit a home run!  
\$20 per baseball or 6 baseballs for \$100!



1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$750, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Gift Basket

How can you help?



Donate auction items or services.  
Sign up to bring an appetizer,  
Main course or dessert. Join us!

For additional information, contact the church office at 781-944-1572 or  
Email at [office@goodshepherdreading.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdreading.org) or our auction chair, Susan  
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