

## Worship at Good Shepherd

Our worship is according to the Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pews. The poetry of this Book, much of it taken directly from Scripture, is one of the treasures of the English language. The English Reformers believed that the people should be able to worship in their own language, and they made the daily prayers of the Benedictine monks accessible to laypeople, so that everyone could enter into the daily rhythm of the Church's prayer.

The service bulletin is meant to orient you to the different parts of the liturgy of Holy Eucharist (also known as the Mass, the Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper), which is the principal service of public worship in the Episcopal Church. The goal is to get our noses out of the books and bulletins, so that we can participate fully in the liturgy. Much of the liturgy comes from a culture in which most of the worshipers were unable to read, and it is designed accordingly.

At Good Shepherd, we believe that the entire community celebrates the Eucharist together. The bishop (or, in his or her absence, one of the priests) presides; all celebrate.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Episcopalians believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament, though we have a wide variety of theories as to how he becomes present. Once they are baptized, children may receive as soon as they are able to eat the bread and take a sip of the wine. If you desire to be baptized or have a child to baptize, please speak to Fr. Bill Carroll:

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## Schedule and description of weekly liturgies

All are welcome. For directions or more information, please contact Fr. Bill Carroll (593-6877; [gsrector@gmail.com](mailto:gsrector@gmail.com)).

### Sundays

#### Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. (Rite One)

This liturgy is a brief celebration downstairs in the Bishop Black Chapel. It is close to the liturgy that predates the 1979 liturgical renewal and preserves some of the Elizabethan language of earlier Prayer Books. There is no music at this service. In the summer, we begin at 7:30 a.m.

#### Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. (Rite Two)

This liturgy is celebrated upstairs in the Nave and is the principal Sunday Eucharist. The language is more contemporary. There are always hymns. The Psalm and service music are frequently sung. On high feast days, we chant many of the prayers. In the summer, we begin at 9:30 a.m.

### Tuesdays

At 5:30 p.m. we celebrate a simple Eucharist at the Good Earth farm on Armitage Road. There is a shared homily, focusing on themes of discipleship, and the service is followed by a community meal. For directions, please contact Paul Clever (594-2425; [pclever2@yahoo.com](mailto:pclever2@yahoo.com)). For more information about the Good Earth Hunger Mission, please see the green outreach brochure.

### Thursdays

At 5:30 p.m., we gather around the altar upstairs in the Nave for a simple, contemplative Eucharist. Much of the service is sung, and there is plenty of time for silence. There is a shared homily and an additional reading from a spiritual classic.