



CHRIST CHURCH

PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

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Welcome to Christ Church - the Episcopal Church in Portola Valley
The Rev. Beth Phillips, Rector
Lauren Wittine, Director of Music

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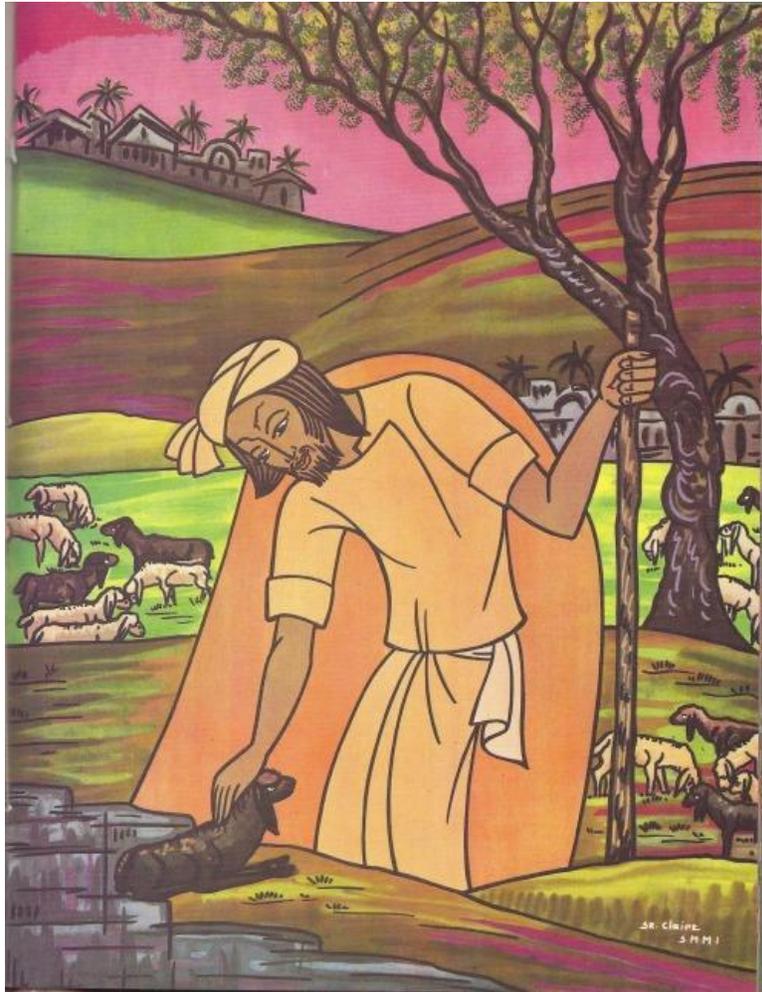
We will begin with a musical prelude in a few moments.

During this time of preparation, we invite you to share your prayers and petitions in the Zoom chat.





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Forth Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

April 25, 2021

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Lighting of Candle(s) *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says:*

Acolyte We light a candle to remind us of the light that came into this world with Jesus. It symbolizes the light of Christ.

Opening Hymn #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

While on mute, please join in singing:

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant 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.**

The Gloria S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – Acts 4:5-12

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle – 1 John 3:16-24

Reader A reading from First John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing

arr. Kevin Clarke (b. 1960)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the nights it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of Heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?

The Gospel – John 10:11-18

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The Reverend Beth Phillips*

A New Nicene Creed

Although this will be read by one person, you are invited to say the creed aloud at home while on mute.

We believe in God,
the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior
to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed,
wept and celebrated
with them in love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings,
and who offers hope eternal.

We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.
Amen.

The responses will be read by one person, but you are invited to join in saying them aloud at home while on mute.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book pp. 413-414)

Leader Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for the world. Enliven the Church for its mission

People **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people.

People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace

People **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader Bless those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially *Derk Hunter, Penny McCulloch, Laird McColloch, Susie Lattin, and Scott Feamster.*

People **May they continue to walk with God and grow in God's grace.**

Leader Comfort all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially *Laura Spilman, the Gardner and Holthaus families, Ron Larson, Jennifer, Maria Dalila,* and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause]. Restore them to new life.

People **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, among them *Howard Middleton, John Gardner, Grant, Don Herbert, Henry Muhlenberg Sperry, Jane Chai, Jack Tunnell, Phillips Tunnell, Jack Kennedy, Tony Sowers,* and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause]. Give comfort to those who mourn.

People **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Celebrant Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth on our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.**

Announcements *If you have any announcements regarding church matters, please select the "raise hand" icon under the participants tab at the bottom of your screen, and a host will unmute you.*

Closing Hymn #694

The King of love my shepherd is

While on mute, please join in singing:



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay for coffee hour!