

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 26 , 2026 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The 8:00 am service is a spoken service

*Welcome to St. Stephen's! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
The service is also found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.
All are welcome to receive communion.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Psalm 23: Mein Hüter undt mein Hirtt

Jan P. Sweelinck

The Procession In

He is risen, he is risen!

Hymnal 180

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gloria (8a.m. spoken, 10a.m.sung)



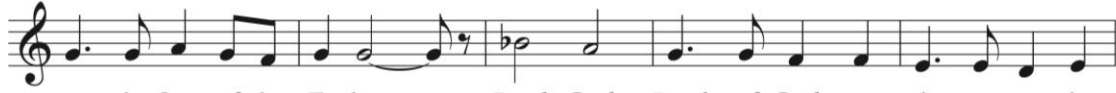
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



righ - hand - of the Fa ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 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

Presider The Lord be with you
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

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 First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All are invited to chant the psalm together



- 1 The Lord | **is my shepherd; ***
I shall not | **be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down | **in green pastures ***
and leads me be- | **side still waters.**
- 3 He re- | **vives my soul ***
and guides me along right pathways | **for his Name's sake.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 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.**
- 6 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 Second Reading

1 Peter 1:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Savior of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage

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

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP 392

*(The congregation will join in saying names in **bold**)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Barbara, Kyle K.,**

Wyatt, Scott, Stephen, Suzette, Tami, Mike, Karen, John, Candy, Chris, Uri, Tatiana, Dick.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Henry, Jack, and Carolyn.**

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially **Nancy**, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Capital Campaign Prayer

*Most holy, loving and life-giving God,
We give you thanks for the cloud of witnesses, past and present,
who by their generosity of Spirit have given us a Sanctuary, a
Light on a Hill, that welcomes and embraces all who seek communion
with You and with one another. Bless us, yet again, as we look
forward and prepare for the future through this Capital Campaign,
that we may remain grateful for the past and ever-growing in
faithful ministry beyond our walls.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and through the
grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness fails me never.
I nothing lack, since I am His,
And He is mine forever.

God before me. God beside me.
God behind me. God above me.

2. Where streams of living waters flow,
My troubled soul is healing.
And quietly the pastures grow
The voice of God revealing.

Good Shepherd

3. In darkest hours I fear no ill,
With my dear Lord beside me.
Your strength and mercy comfort still,
Your hand is there to guide me.

4. And so through all the length of days
We ne'er shall grow apart.
Good Shepherd, I will sing your praise
For living in my heart.
O King of Love! O Prince of Peace!
O Child of Hope!
Good shepherd, I will sing your praise
For living in my heart.

Gwyneth Walker

-Henry W. Baker

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures
here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host: praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

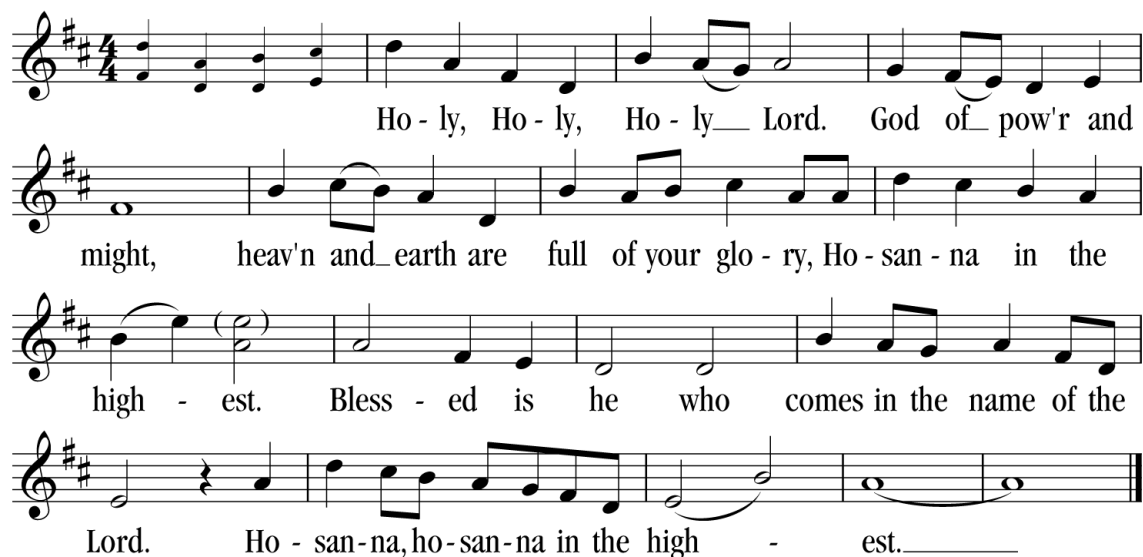
Presider Lift up your hearts.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again;

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. AMEN.

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

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.

All are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.

If you desire prayers of healing by the laying on of hands, please proceed to the Mary Corner after receiving Communion.

The Distribution of Communion

The Anthem

As New Parents in the Night

Jane Marshall

1. As new parents in the night
calm their child who wakes in fear,
calling, turning on a light,
reassuring they are near,
the Good Shepherd hears our cries
and responds to our alarms,
soothing us through wordless signs,
cradling us in loving arms.
2. As a child too young for speech
Learns to read the parents' tone
Through their sounds and looks that teach
That the infant's fears are known,
So we learn through faith and prayer
And through wine and broken bread
To receive the Shepherd's care,
To be comforted and fed.
3. As adults move on in years
and return what they received,
helping others with their fears,
seeing burdens are relieved,
so the church the Shepherd tends
rises up from bended knees
and then lavishly expends
love that meets earth's cries and pleas.

- Thomas Troeger

The Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

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Presider Let us pray.

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

The Procession Out

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal 334

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to
the Glory of God and in loving
memory of Patricio Mujica
by Azita Mujica.

Birthday Blessings

Henry Stiteler	April 27
Jack Campbell	April 28
Carolyn Lund	April 30

Announcements

Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Together

Thanks to everyone who has attended one of the Capital Campaign gatherings to consider the projects slated as part of the Capital Campaign. We've received very productive input and enjoyed wonderful fellowship as well. The Kickoff Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Please RSVP by April 27. If you did not receive an invitation, kindly email the church office. Thank you for being part of this important campaign!

Upcoming Events

Women's Brunch	SF Yacht Club	May 2, 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation	Grace Cathedral	May 2, 10:00 a.m.
Capital Campaign Kickoff Dinner	SF Yacht Club	May 13, 6:00 p.m.

Giving to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

If you would like to donate this morning, but are not carrying cash, feel free to donate with this QR code:



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Music Notes

Welcome to worship at St. Stephen's! Worship in our tradition is participatory, so you are encouraged to join in the singing of the hymns and liturgy as they appear in the bulletin and the Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks in front of you. If a hymn has harmony indicated, you're welcome to sing it on the inner stanzas, leaving the first and last stanzas for unison singing.

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Easter is not a single day, but a season, stretching fifty days from the celebration of the Resurrection to Pentecost. Today marks the midpoint of the season, a Sunday typically called **“Good Shepherd Sunday,”** in reference to the many allusions in the readings that point to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Post Vatican II Catholic Churches, and, in an ecumenical spirit, the Church of England, also recognize Good Shepherd Sunday as “Vocations Sunday,” using the texts read in worship as fodder for questions around what God is calling us to do in our lives. The most recognizable psalm in the book, psalm 23, also appears in the readings for this Sunday, and that through-line is echoed in our music today as well.

The set of variations by **Sweelinck** heard at the prelude primarily stem from techniques that he used in his teaching. The tune used is a sung paraphrase of psalm 23, and, though the melody would have been used in the OudeKerk in Amsterdam, the church where Sweelinck worked, that church's Calvinist orientation would have restricted the use of the organ in worship. Instead, Sweelinck likely used these variations both as teaching pieces for his students, and as performance pieces for his secular contexts.

Gwyneth Walker's **“Good Shepherd,”** sung by the choir at the offertory, makes slight alterations to the melody and text of “The King of Love my Shepherd Is,” which is another paraphrase of psalm 23.

The choir offers a new hymn at communion distribution, called **“As New Parents in the Night,”** with a text written by Thomas Troeger. Troeger was ordained by both the Presbyterian Church in 1970 and the Episcopal Church in 1999, and remained dually aligned with both traditions. The text is paired with a tune by Jane Marshall, called “Wildflowers.” Marshall taught at Southern Methodist University's School of Theology and wrote more than 200 hymns and other sacred works. The hymn first appeared in a 2002 publication, called “Shepherd Songs,” which featured only new hymns with shepherd imagery.

See you at rehearsal, in worship, and at work in the world,

Brad

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Serving in Worship

Presider		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Minister of Music		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Potter Wickware Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Jennie Taylor Lois Cannady
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Chris Simpson Brent
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Barbara Berling Chris Simpson Brent
Altar Guild	Team 1	Barbara Berling Bonnie Echerd Jill Hinds Liz Hart Carol Louie Anne Johnston
Ushers		Warren Leiden Jim Purvis Kathy Perasso
Coffee Connections	Team 8	Gina Hector, Lead
Streamers		Regan Moore
Newcomers Greeter		Rod Hall

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry

Dawn Vroegop, *Senior Warden*
Leslie Cohl, *Clerk*
Karl Belgum
Marsha Dugan
Gina Hector
Jill Hinds
Carol Louie

Jim Purvis, *Junior Warden*
Bob McCaskill, *Treasurer*
Elliott Main
Mary-Ann Milford
Philip Norris
Andrew Purvis
Jennie Taylor

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If you need assistance during the week, please call or email the church office. Our telephone number is 415-435-4501 and the email address is office@ststephenschurch.org.

If you would like to reach a member of the staff by email, please use their first name (only) followed by @ststephenschurch.org.

The church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you call and no one is available to answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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