

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Pastor Dan Bernier will be away this weekend

The Priest will be Reverend Sue Lederhouse

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, usually on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check.

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS

April 26, 2026		May 3, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Many And One”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Service Introduction

The Confession

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess of the ways we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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.*

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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 Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

**O God our shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty
and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 23 responsively by half verse

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives 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.

Gospel Acclamation: “Eastertide Gospel Acclamation”

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(please stand as you are able)

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation (*10AM Service*)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (*please be seated*)

The Prayers of the People (*please stand as you are able*)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song:
(10AM Service)

"Shepherd Me, O God"

(see page 10-11)

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Alleluia! Love Is Alive"

(see page 8)

“Alleluia! Love Is Alive”

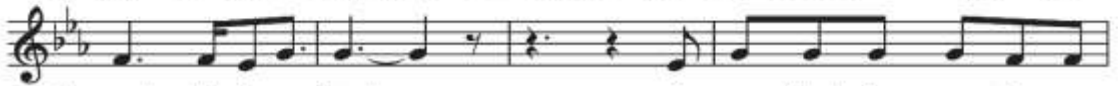
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Verses
 1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; 7 rise from your
 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, 7 car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
 2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
 3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp-ty, a
 2. hearts! He is a - live! 7 Here now is mer-cy em-
 3. world! He is a - live! 7 Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
 2. brac-ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore-
 3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
 2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
 3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!



Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con-quer-ed the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for



all. Your peo-ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

“Many And One”

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Refrain



We are man - y, yet we are one. We are sep -
- 'rate, yet bound in his love. And to- geth - er we are all his
hands and his feet, bring - ing mer - cy and peace
to this world. We are man - y and one.

Verses



1. We are fall - en but we are for - giv - en;
2. We are dif - f'rent as morn - ing and eve - ning,
3. We are broth - ers and sis - ters in spir - it,
1. bro - ken and scat - tered, yet be - ing made whole
2. each of us liv - ing as we have been called,
3. found in all na - tions yet near to the Lord,
1. by our re - deem - er, one Lord and one sav - ior,
2. all of us seek - ing, — each of us reach - ing to
3. each one be - long - ing, to - geth - er now long - ing for
to Refrain
1-3. the shep - herd who gath - ers us all, gath - ers us all.

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"Shepherd Me, O God"

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Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
 yond my fears, from death in-to life. life.

To verses 1, 2, 3, 5 *To verse 4*

Verses 1-3

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want; I
 2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul; you
 3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love; I
 lead me by path - ways of right - eous - ness and truth; my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side; your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace. **D.C.**
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

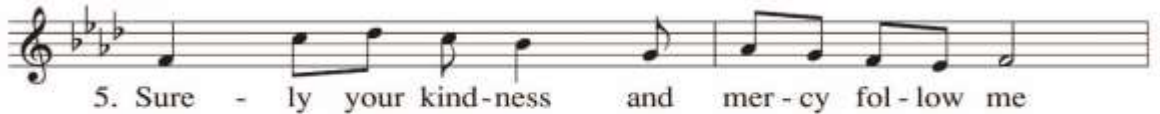
Verse 4

4. You have set me a ban - quet of love
 in the face of ha - tred, crown - ing me with
 love be - yond my pow'r to hold. *rit.* **D.C.**

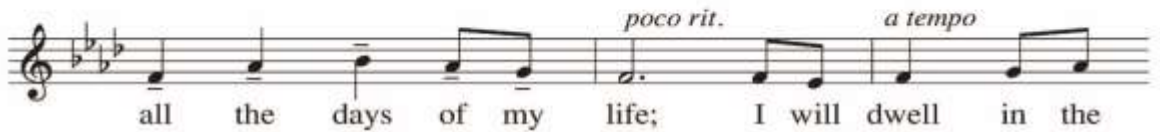
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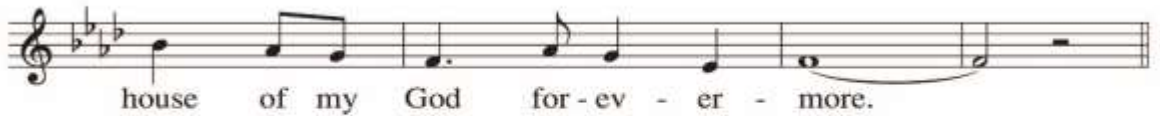
Verse 5



5. Sure - ly your kind-ness and mer - cy fol - low me



all the days of my life; *poco rit.* I will dwell in the *a tempo*

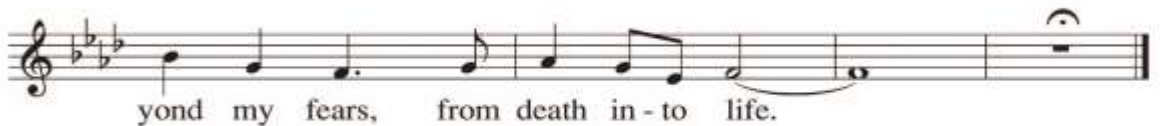


house of my God for - ev - er - more.

Final Refrain



a bit slower Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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