



Fourth Sunday in
Easter

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WELCOME



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Prelude *Fugue en sol mineur*

BWV535a Johannes Sebastian Bach

Introit Shepherd me, O God (Marty Haugen)

Welcome

GWA 42 God welcomes all

Call to worship

The Shepherd calls —

and his sheep know his voice.

The Gate opens —

that we may come in, and go out, and find pasture.

The Good Shepherd gathers us in —

and leads us to abundant life.

CH4 172 Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation

Prayer of adoration and repentance

You are the One who cares for us, O God.

You provide, you nurture, you speak tenderly and call us your own.

We give you thanks as you surround us with your protection and offer your very self to us.

We pray "like a shepherd, lead us," but we confess that we are not always open to being led.

We would prefer to control who else is in the flock with us, and where we are going, and how long we'll be out.

~silence~

We hear you calling, but we confess we find it difficult to distinguish between your voice and others.

Some of what they say sounds good, flashy and interesting and quick-fix, and we admit that we have sometimes chosen to follow their way instead of yours.

~silence~

You lead us ever forward into abundant life,
even through the shadows of death,
but we confess that we find it comfortable
inside the sheepfold,
and we'd rather stay in where it's safe and
separate from the hardship of the world
outside.

~silence~

**Forgive us, for we are unruly sheep, and we
have not been faithful to you, our Good
Shepherd.**

**Remind us this day of our place in your
kingdom,
and turn our hearts and our feet to follow
you into Abundant Life. Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Sung Collect CH4 772 In the Lord I'll be ever
thankful – *sung twice*

Psalm 23 (NRSV updated edition)

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

All-age song CH4 345 Halle, halle, hallelujah –
verses 1 and 2

Gospel John 10: 1-15 (NRSV updated edition)

10 “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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me^l are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Sermon

CH4 551 In heavenly love abiding, verses 1 & 3

Offering Music *Flûtes, extrait de la Suite du deuxième ton Clérambault*

Doxology: CH4 807

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession
Including the Lord's Prayer**

CH4 683 Go to the world! Verses 2 to 4

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Concerto en la mineur, BWV 593,*
Allegro de Bach/Vivaldi

*Join us in the Salle Théodore de
Bèze for refreshemnts and lunch
after the service!*

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Worship leader Rev Dr Enikő Ferenczy

Welcoming elder Mak Ikeda

Usher Robert Walker

Readers Jean Murray Mary Quément

Organ Constance Taillard

Coffee Maria Oliveira Jean Murray

International Presbytery Bible study

(Lent–Pentecost) Simeon's words in Christ's life, death & resurrection.

Mondays Feb 23; Mar 9, 23; Apr 13, 27; May 11. 19h30–20h30. Contact: Christine Colliar
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