



*Welcome to*  
**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

*May those who sorrow find comfort;  
the weary, rest;  
the troubled, peace;  
the lonely, friends;  
the unhappy, joy;  
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

***At Your Service:*** Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.  
Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.*

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 410** (*stand*)

*Lauda anima*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still, the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

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 following is sung, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     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.*

### **First Reading** (*sit*)

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, 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*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

*Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

- 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.

## **Second Reading**

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of 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*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 208** (*stand*)

*Victory*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done, the  
victory of life is won; the song of triumph  
has begun. Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their  
worst, but Christ their legions hath  
dispersed: let shout of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped, he  
rises glorious from the dead: all glory to  
our risen Head! Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell, the  
bars from heaven's high portals fell; let  
hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Holy Gospel**

John 10:11-18

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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.

## **Prayers of the People** *(kneel)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of  
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## **Confession of Sin**

*The Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
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.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all 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.*

**Peace** (*stand*)

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

**Announcements**

## Holy Communion

### At the Offertory:

Anthem

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

The lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Psalm 23*

*Doxology with Alleluias (stand)*

*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**Sanctus**

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*Celebrant 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 people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Agnus Dei*

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

**Hymn 663** (*sit*)

*Crimond*

1 The Lord my God my shepherd is; how could I want or need? In pastures green, by streams serene, he safely doth me lead.	4 Thou hast in grace my table spread secure in all alarms, and filled my cup, and borne me up in everlasting arms.
2 To wholeness he restores my soul and doth in mercy bless, and helps me take for his Name's sake the paths of righteousness.	5 Then surely I can trust thy love for all the days to come, that I may tell thy praise, and dwell forever in thy home.
3 yea, even when I must pass through the valley of death's shade, I will not fear, for thou art here, to comfort and to aid.	

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright,  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings,  
Where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

*Martin Janus (1661), translated by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.

### **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Hymn 646 (stand)

*Dominus regit me*

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.



*People* Thanks be to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia.

Postlude: Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

*J.S. Bach*



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the marriage of  
Ryan Putney and Dana Ballard

## Guest Oboist

Our guest oboist this morning is Jeffrey Stephenson, who is a member of The Florida Orchestra. Originally from South Carolina, he has also performed with the symphonies of Houston, Milwaukee, and Atlanta, the Sarasota Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada. Welcome Jeffrey, and we thank you for sharing your gifts with us today.

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Stadel

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Richard Ferlita

**Crucifer:** Shea Polley

**Torchbearers:** William Mora, Daniel Carr

**Lectors:** Jim Shuler, Tom Akins

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

**Videographers:** Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

**Ushers:** Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Winston Blake, Paul Bentschner, Frazier Carraway

**Altar Guild:** Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Jennifer Richardson

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Polley Family and the Turlington Family

**BIRTHDAYS:** Brad Hall, Christean Hursey, Sandy Childs, Michael Morris

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Larry & Margo Kemm, Wesley & Lara Tibbals, Steve & Betsy Chambers, Brad & Alicia Hall

**Attention all Gabriel Tree Volunteers**

Please join me on **Monday, April 22** from 1-3 for an “Appreciation Luncheon” for all your wonderful efforts to make last year’s Gabriel Tree project such a success. My address is: 3210 Hoedt Road Tampa, Florida 33618. Please RSVP Martha Cobb at 813-787-4020. I look forward to seeing you!

**Choir Staff Singers Perform Solo Recitals**

Several of our choir staff singers, who are music students at UT, will be giving solo recitals as part of their degree studies. These events are free and open to the public, so please mark your calendars and plan to join them! Parking is available anywhere on campus in the evenings.

4/23 7:30p.m. Lucas Glenn, piano - Gordon Theater, Ferman Center for the Arts.



## Adult Christian Education

**Sunday mornings at 9:30**

### *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News*

Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this video series as we see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. We will engage in an in-depth study of select passages that illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels. Amy-Jill Levine is a retired Professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

4/21 – Sacrifice, Ransom, Prophet, Messiah: Mark 8-10

4/28 – Fig Trees and Tenants: Mark 11-12

5/5 – The Little Apocalypse: Mark 13

5/12 – Judas Iscariot and the Naked Young Man: Mark 14-15

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.*

## Parish Picnic

Please join us as for our annual St. Andrew's Parish Picnic. Earl and Jan Smith have once again graciously offered to host the parish picnic at their home on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** starting at **12:30 pm**. The Smith's address is 3627 Berger Rd. in Lutz. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. Don't forget lawn chairs or picnic blankets, outdoor games, sunscreen, bug spray or anything else you would like to bring for a festive gathering outdoors filled with fellowship, food and fun!

## Book Reading Groups

Several members of this parish would like to start book reading groups. If you are interested, we will have a short discussion at the parish picnic, or you can call Pam Curry at 813-850-6406 or Jan Riasanovsky at 813-767-2673 with questions or suggestions.

## Celebration of Life

Saint Andrew's is hosting a Celebration of Life for former parishioner, Vestry member and choir section leader, Stephen Rosser, on **Saturday, April 27th** at 2 pm. Some of you may have known Stephen before he departed for New York City ten years ago. His kindness, openness and talent touched many at St. Andrew's and around the Bay Area and he will be greatly missed. As part of our celebration we are gathering many who sang with him in our choir and other exceptional groups to raise our voices in hymns, anthems and songs Stephen loved. If you would like to join us as a singer please contact Betsy Scheuer at [elisabetsy40@gmail.com](mailto:elisabetsy40@gmail.com) or 813-434-5159 regarding your interest and for more details. If you would like to assist with or make a financial contribution for the reception following the celebration, please contact Irene Baker at [ihbaker1011@yahoo.com](mailto:ihbaker1011@yahoo.com) or 571-481-8536. Whether you sing or help or attend, we look forward to seeing many of you on the 27th!

## Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is hosting our **Cinco de Mayo luncheon on Sunday, May 5** following the 10:30 service. Tacos with all the trimmings, yellow rice, and black beans are among the items on the menu. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Advanced purchase is greatly appreciated. Proceeds will support our Operation Smart Start initiative. Hope to see you there for food and fellowship.

## Music Notes

The image of The Good Shepherd has spurred many a composition. Next to Christmas and Easter music, I think a close second, in terms of output, are the compositions that are centered around the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Who doesn't love this Psalm, or the images it evokes? All of the thematic elements of God, as the gentle shepherd, are gently embedded in the musical nuance of today's music.

The prelude, from one of Bach's cantatas called *Schafe können sicher weiden*, is an organ arrangement of a movement originally composed for orchestra and soprano soloist. If you

listen carefully to the pedal line, you may notice a steady, repeated, thumping-like figure that gets going at the onset and continues throughout. It almost sounds like a heartbeat, but I think Bach was trying to represent a gentle, nudging figure. Actually, I think it represents one of the ways that God “speaks” to us. When we listen for God’s call to us, we can sense a gentle, unrelenting persistence that echoes repeatedly in the depths of our being. This persistent resonance allows us to *know* where we are to go, what we are to do, and with whom we are to form relationships. The lilting accompaniment figure caresses and corrects the wayward melody played with the left hand. Just like God often corrects our own miscalculations and missteps on our own life’s journey. Bach wrote the music in ways that always seem to invite the listener back to the rightness of the intuitive pathway, through its persistent patterns and corrective melodic gestures. It’s amazing how you can actually “hear” God’s shepherd-like guidance pulsing, moving, and nudging you home to safety.

The offertory anthem, from John Rutter’s famous *Requiem*, does many of the same things as the prelude, but with the use of lyricism and melody. The sopranos introduce the melody to us at the onset, but the real star is the oboe part. The melody here “speaks” volumes about The Good Shepherd. It glides effortlessly, representing God’s gentle nudging. It’s also reminiscent of a pastorale, which is a slow instrumental composition, usually with long notes in the bass. It evokes images of tranquility, peace, and comfort.

God leads and guides us one step at a time. And when we stray like sheep, this music reminds us of His gentle, undulating, and loving correction. Many composers have set these words to music, probably because we’ve all been lost like stray sheep at various points in life. But God never leaves us to fend for ourselves. That’s because we can’t. Music like this reminds us to *hear* the Gentle Voice, who, like gravity, is always “on.” Listen carefully to what’s being communicated in this music, not just in the words themselves, but in the figures and pulsing rhythms. These gentle undulations can remind us of God’s unwavering persistence, admonishment, and correction. When you realize the creator of the universe cannot be absent, you *truly* lack nothing. *Soli deo Gloria!* -Ryan Hebert

The **Flower Chart in the parish hall** has multiple Sundays available, especially May. Please consider sponsoring flowers to adorn the altar. The High Altar flowers cost \$150, the Chapel Altar flowers are optional. Both Altars cost \$250. Following the 10:30am service, the sponsor is encouraged to take the High Altar flower arrangements home or share with family & friends. For additional information, please contact Charlotte Churchill (813) 352-0162 [cmchurchi18@gmail.com](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

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Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.