

GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Welcome to "Voices of Grace",
our virtual worship experience that features parishioners
leading worship from their own homes.
We hope you join us from yours!
Wherever you are, we pray for your health and well-being.
God bless you!

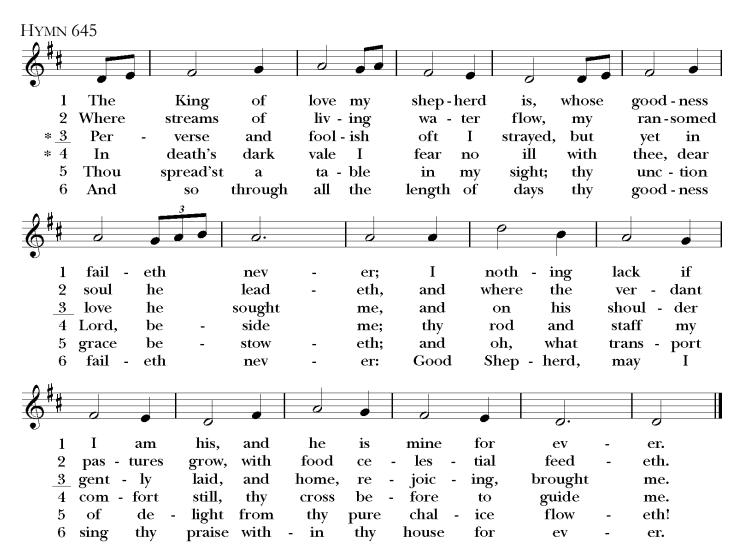
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May 3, 2020 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Voices of Grace "Virtual" Worship

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on St. Columba

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



THE LESSONS

PSALM 23 Said by all Led by Joy Twelves

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 LESSON John 10:1-10 Read by Anne Finelli

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

Michele Adamo, Deacon-in-Training

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Clinton Crocker

MY SHEPHERD will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, And leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, insight of all my foes doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings over-flows, Thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be my abode and all Thy works my praise. There would I find a settled rest, where others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, but like, a child at home.

Olivia Kleyla, Mezzo-Soprano ~ Brad Kleyla, Tenor

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

THE BLESSING The Rector

~ Prayer List ~

This week, we pray for: Kristyn and Shawn, Ricky and Patty Birkes, Chris Yengbeh, Maria Diamante, Bob Scanlan, Robert Cramer, Bob Nelson, Kenneth Scanlan, Jerry Clifford, all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm's way. We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.





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