

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BELVEDERE  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022 | 8:00 am

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## The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

**Canticle: Gloria**

BCP p. 324

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Bernhard Plockhorst, *The Good Shepherd*, 1878

## The Lessons

### First Reading

Acts 9. 36 – 43

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

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.

*A Reading from the Revelation of John.*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 10. 22 – 30

*Priest*      The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Creed

BCP p. 326

### The Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

### The Peace

BCP p. 332

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

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**

BCP p. 333

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 359

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP p. 337

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

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## Search Committee Prayer

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
look graciously on your Church, St. Stephens,  
and so guide the minds and hearts of those who  
shall search for a rector for our parish, that we may  
welcome a faithful pastor, who will care for your  
people and guide and support us for our ministries,  
through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Altar Flower Dedication

The flowers at the altar today are dedicated by Martha and David Irmer to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Jack & Jane Cardon, and Otto Irmer & Margo Patterson, David's sisters, Connie Neese & Carol Noyd, and their brother in-law Randy Lewis.



If you would like to keep abreast of all the happenings at St Stephen's, please **join our mailing list by texting "TIDINGS" to 42828.**

If you would like to make a donation to St Stephen's for our ministry in this community, you can do so by using this code (to use the code, scan it with your phone camera):



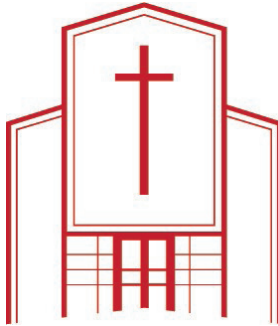
## Announcements

- Monday, May 9 BENEFIT CONCERT TO HELP UKRAINIANS. The Resonance Project (Jonathan Dimmock, Founder & President) is sponsoring a charity concert at Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco. Members of the San Francisco Symphony, Frederica van Stade, and numerous composers are showing their support in a concert entitled Concert of Compassion. For tickets, making a donation, or more information, please see the website: [ConcertofCompassion.com](http://ConcertofCompassion.com).
- Sunday Forum will take place the second Sunday of each month through the rest of the year. The forum will follow the 10:00 am service, for 45 minutes in the upper conference room. Sunday May 8 the agenda is as follows: We will finish discussing the book, "Love is the Way," by Bishop Michael Curry. Bishop Michael became famous for giving his heartfelt sermon on that same theme at the wedding of Harry and Meghan. We will discuss chapter 7 to the end. All are welcome (even if you have not read the book). The meeting will begin fifteen minutes into coffee hour, in the upstairs conference room.
- The Men's Breakfast is every 3rd Saturday of the month. The next one is scheduled for May 21 at 8:00 am in Kimball Hall.
- You are invited to participate in a practice of Quiet Prayer for an hour every Thursday from 8:30-9:30 AM. We will gather on zoom to listen to a reading of the Gospel, meditate on and share how it speaks to us. Please contact Zoila Schoenbrun at (415) 828-4270 or by email at [zschoenbrun@gmail.com](mailto:zschoenbrun@gmail.com) for questions or to sign up.
- Multiple roles are open to assist in our worship: reading scripture, administering the Holy Communion, offering the prayers of the people, and ushering. For more information, contact Diana Long ([dblong@me.com](mailto:dblong@me.com))
- Prayer: Our beautiful sacred space is open during the week for prayer, Mondays through Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

We are grateful for all those serving today at the Altar

Readers	Miles Woodlief
Eucharistic Ministers	Bonnie Echerd, Kathy Winkler
Intercessor	Kathryn Lowell
Altar Team 1	Barbara Berling, Captain; Bonnie Echerd; Jill Hinds; Liz Hart, Carol Louie
Ushers	DB Murray
Musicians	The Choir of St Stephen's Church, Jonathan Dimmock
Preacher & Celebrant	The Rev'd Robert Gieselman

A special thanks to Coffee Connections team 3 today, led by Barbara Berling



## A Guide to St Stephen's

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## Vestry

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Bob McCaskill, *Treasurer* • David Patterson, *Clerk*  
Bobby Moore, Rod Hall, Kathy Hill, David Irmer, Alex Norris,  
Paul Rosenlund, Marjorie Sennett, Rick Waterman, Miles Archer Woodlief