

# Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Rev. Scott G. Sinclair, Presiding & The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon  
Music by Sean Potts, along with Helen & Kelly Robinett

Opening Hymn	“Welcome Everyone”	Hymn #
Gloria		BCP p. 356
Collect for the Day		Service Leaflet
First Reading	Acts 2:42-47	Service Leaflet
Psalm	Psalm 23 (sung)	Service Leaflet
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:19-25	Service Leaflet
Music	“Thy Word”	Sean
Gospel Reading	John 10:1-10	Service Leaflet
Sermon		
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People		
Confession of Sin		BCP p. 360
The Peace		
Music	“Sheep, Sheep”	
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361-363
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of Bread		
Music	“Seek Ye First”	
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Birthday Prayer		BCP p. 830
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	“We are Walking”	Hymn #

## **Collect of the Day**

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.*

## **The First Lesson**

**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.

## **Psalm 23**

- 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.

## **1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **The Gospel**

**John 10:1-10**

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.”

### **Prayer List:**

**IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR ST. MARK’S BERKELEY: ST. MARK’S, PALO ALTO; ST. MARK’S CROCKETT; IGLESIA EL BUEN PASTOR, REDWOOD CITY; GOOD SHEPHERD, BELMONT; AND GOOD SHEPHERD, BERKELEY. FOR OUR MEMBERS: FOR JAMIE, NANCY B, NINA A, NORMA, DUANE, STEVE K, BARBARA B, DOYLE, DIANE, IAN, JEAN AND ROSE AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, PHIL, GREG, NICK, KATHIE, JOHN S, SUZIE, BILL, IVA HOLLY, LYNN , CHRIS, RUSS AND KATHERINE. WE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MARION MARSH WADE, GARY SCHAFFER AND ELIZABETH PICK AND COMFORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES.**

## **Announcements**

**Memorial Service** for Marion Marsh Wade was held yesterday. Many thanks to all who helped with the setup and cleanup and who baked goodies for the reception.

**Today**, April 26, we will have music, drumming and song with Sean Potts. Singing along will be Helen and Kelly Robinett. Join in the fun by participating in the singing.

**Next Movie Day** is May 24, 3-5 pm. We will be featuring *Rental Family* directed by Hikari, starring Brendon Fraser.

**Flower Chart:** There are plenty of empty spaces on the Flower Chart needing volunteers.