# **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**



4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

**WELCOME** 

**PRAYER** 

**PRELUDE** 

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (arranged by Terry Osman)

**BIBLE BUNCH** 

Part 1: For the Love of Pets

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

#### **GOSPEL**

John 10: 11 - 18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me,

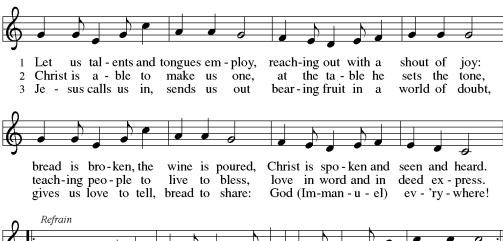


because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 674

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ





Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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## **THANKSGIVING**

In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING FOR PETS

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** 

**OFFERING** 

**BIBLE BUNCH** 

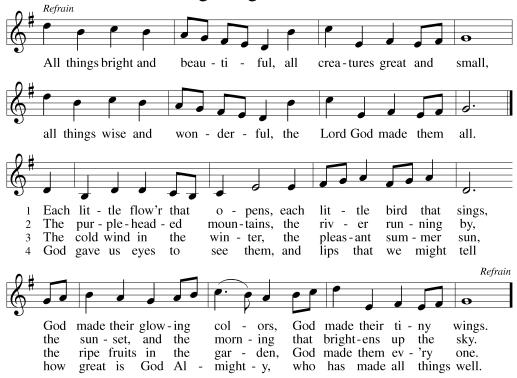
Part 2: Sheep Snacks

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

HYMN WOV 767

# All Things Bright and Beautiful



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Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958



**BLESSING** 

**DISMISSAL** 

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# St. Philip's Lutheran Church

## **SERVING TODAY**

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Dave Pascoe Videographer

Angelika Quinn Reader

Phannenhour Trio Hymn of the Day

Janice and Caitlin Feller Prayers of the People

Judy and Sam Marcuson Sending Hymn

Pat Lovell Sending

No Fixed Address Additional Music

Tim McNabb

Dave and Dennis Pascoe

Meranda Phannenhour The Bible Bunch

Sarah Pascoe Graphics

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

### PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

#### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.