



# Easter tide

## EMMANUEL CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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**April 19, 2026**

### **10:00m—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary**

Preaching & Presiding: The Very Rev. Pamela L. Werntz

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Conductor: Ryan Turner

Organist: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Karen King

Crucifer: Joel Anderle

Torchbearers: William Fitzner, Tatiana Stridh

First Reader: Galen Gilbert

Second Reader: Liz Levin

Prayer Intercessor: Karen King

Altar Guild: William Fitzner, Joy Howard

Greeters: Ben Ericson, Kelly Hager

Livestream provided by Emmanuel Music

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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### **Third Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**Prelude** Pastoral, op. 156, no. 8

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)

**Announcements**

Opening Hymn This joyful Eastertide  
 (Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 192  
 VRUECHTEN

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

*(Congregation is seated)*

## The Lessons

### First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Motet Abendlied, Op. 69 #3

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Luke 24:29

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden,  
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Stay with us, for evening falls,  
and the day has declined.

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### Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** That Easter day with joy was bright (st. 1-3)  
(Please rise in body or spirit.)

Hymn 193  
PUER NOBIS



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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**The Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly

over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**Gospel Hymn** The Easter day with joy was bright (st. 4-5)  
*(Please see opposite page for music.)*

Hymn 193  
 PUER NOBIS

**The Sermon**

Ms. Wertz

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

John Harbison


We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-migh-ty,  
 ma-ker of the hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen.  
 We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-  
 got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
 God, be-got-ten not made, of one be-ing with the Fa-ther. Through him  
 all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from  
 hea-ven: by the power of the Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-  
 -nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry and was made man.

65  
  
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied \_\_\_\_\_ un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

72  
  
\_ he suf - fered death \_\_\_\_\_ and was bu - ried. On the third day \_\_\_\_\_ he rose


79  
  
\_ a - gain \_\_\_\_\_ in ac - cor - dance with the Scrip - tures; he as - cen - ded

85  
  
in - to hea - ven, and is seat - ed at the right hand \_\_\_\_\_ of the

93  
  
Fa - ther. He will come a - gain \_\_\_\_\_ in glo - ry to judge the liv -

100  
  
\_ ing and the dead, \_\_\_\_\_ and his king - dom will have no end. \_\_\_\_\_


107  
  
We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the gi - ver of life,

114  
  
who pro - ceeds \_\_\_\_\_ from the Fa - ther. With the Fa - ther and the

121  
  
Son he is worshipped and glo - ri - fied. He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve

130  
  
\_ in one ca - tho - lic and a - pos - to - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge \_\_\_\_\_ one

137  
  
bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins. We look \_\_\_\_\_ for the re - sur -

145  
  
rec - tion \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead, \_\_\_\_\_ and the life \_\_\_\_\_ of the world to come. \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Prayers of the People** *(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

O God, we are your people. **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentences**

I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:1-2)

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**At the Offertory** Andante in G Major

Elfrida Andrée (1841-1929)

Offertory Hymn As we gather at your table

(Please rise in body or spirit.)

WLP 763

RAQUEL

1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

Optional Descant

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will  
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will  
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and  
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and  
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: *Raquel*, Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992).

## The Great Thanksgiving

EOW, Prayer 1

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The musical score is written in common time (C) and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of  
 power \_\_\_\_\_ and might, Heaven and earth are \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo -  
 - ry Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - - - est.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All:   
A-men.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

Lamb of God who ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God who ta-kest a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God who

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion

There are two communion stations: at the altar rail and at the baptismal font. At the rail, you may receive either standing or kneeling. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice at the baptismal font. *All without exception are welcome to receive. You who hunger and thirst for deeper communion with the Holy One come to the table.*

***As you receive communion, we ask that you refrain from dipping the bread in the cup.  
As an alternative, please sip from the cup or hold your bread over the cup  
without touching the cup as the chalice is presented.***

### Communion Motet The Communion Words

John Harbison  
I Corinthians 11:23-25

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto You, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, "Take eat: this is My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, "this Cup is the New Testament in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# Communion Hymn My shepherd will supply my need

(Please rise in body or spirit.)

Hymn 664

RESIGNATION



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

**Vocal soloists:** Sonja Tengblad, soprano; Katherine Maysek, alto; Morgan Mastrangelo, tenor; David Kravitz, bass

**Instrumental soloists:** Rafael Popper-Keizer, cello; Elizabeth England and Nancy Dimock, oboes

**Instrumentation:** violin I/II, viola I/II, cello, bass, bassoon, organ

**1. Arie B**

*Ich bin ein guter Hirt, ein guter Hirt läßt sein Leben für die Schafe.*

*(John 10:12)*

**2. Arie A**

Jesus ist ein guter Hirt;  
Denn er hat bereits sein Leben  
Für die Schafe hingegeben,  
Die ihm niemand rauben wird.  
Jesus ist ein guter Hirt.

**3. Choral S**

**Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt,  
Dem ich mich ganz vertraue,  
Zur Weid er mich, sein Schäfflein, führt  
Auf schöner grünen Aue,  
Zum frischen Wasser leit er mich,  
Mein Seel zu laben kräftiglich  
Durch selig Wort der Gnaden.  
("Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt," verse 1)**

**4. Rezitativ T**

Wenn die Mietlinge schlafen,  
Da wachtet dieser Hirt bei seinen Schafen,  
So daß ein jedes in gewünschter Ruh  
Die Trift und Weide kann genießen,  
In welcher Lebensströme fließen.  
Denn sucht der Höllenwolf gleich einzudringen,  
Die Schafe zu verschlingen,  
So hält ihm dieser Hirt doch seinen Rachen zu.

**5. Arie T**

Seht, was die Liebe tut.  
Mein Jesus hält in guter Hut  
Die Seinen feste eingeschlossen  
Und hat am Kreuzesstamm vergossen  
Für sie sein teures Blut.

**6. Choral**

**Ist Gott mein Schutz und treuer Hirt,  
Kein Unglück mich berühren wird:  
Weicht, alle meine Feinde,  
Die ihr mir stiftet Angst und Pein,  
Es wird zu eurem Schaden sein,  
Ich habe Gott zum Freunde.  
("Ist Gott mein Schild und Helfersmann," verse 4)**

**1. Aria B**

*I am a Good Shepherd; a good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep.*

**2. Aria A**

Jesus is a good shepherd;  
for he has already given his life  
for his sheep,  
so that no one will steal them from him.  
Jesus is a good shepherd.

**3. Chorale S**

**The Lord is my faithful shepherd,  
to whom I entrust myself totally,  
He leads me, his lamb, to pasture  
in a lovely green meadow,  
he leads me to fresh water,  
to refresh my soul powerfully  
through the blessed word of grace.**

**4. Recitative T**

When the hired servants sleep,  
then this Shepherd watches over his sheep,  
so that each in desired peace  
can enjoy grazing and pasture,  
through which flows the stream of life.  
For the wolf of hell seeks forcibly  
to devour the sheep,  
yet this Shepherd keeps his fury at bay.

**5. Aria T**

Behold what love does.  
My Jesus keeps his own  
tightly closed in good keeping  
and has poured out on the trunk of the Cross  
his precious blood for them.

**6. Chorale**

**If God is my Protector and faithful Shepherd,  
no misfortune will disturb me:  
away, all my enemies,  
you who cause fear and pain,  
it will be to your own harm,  
since I have God as my friend.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the love of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn Christ is alive

*(Please rise in body or in spirit)*

Hymn 182

TRURO

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

*Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.*

J.S. Bach

## Music Notes

*Today's cantata is made possible by income from the Young Fund of Emmanuel Church, in memory of Priscilla Young, whose generosity helps to sustain our cantata program.*

### Abendlied, op. 69, #3

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)

The first version of Abendlied was composed in 1855 when Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) was just fifteen years old. It is perhaps his most famous choral work, paying homage to the great sacred music of the Renaissance with short moments of imitative writing blended with glorious homophony. The text, drawn directly from Luke 24:29, is set primarily in a syllabic style, providing poetic clarity, with the phrase 'Bleib bei uns' ('Stay with us') repeated three times as a structural anchor. As evening approaches – 'und der Tag hat sich geneiget' ('and the day has declined') – the text is passed between the voices, flowing downwards from the highest voice, conjuring an image of the sun dropping lower and lower in the sky before disappearing below the horizon.

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### *Ich bin ein guter Hirt*, BWV 85

J.S. Bach

*BWV 85 was last presented on April 23, 2023, with Ryan Turner conducting. The vocal soloists were Janet Ross, soprano; Claire McNamara, alto; Fausto Miro, tenor; and William Prapestis, bass. The instrumental soloists were Sarah Darling, viola, and Catherine Weinfeld-Zell, oboe.*

*Ich bin ein guter Hirt*, BWV 85, also known as "The Good Shepherd" Cantata, is based upon and begins with the words of Christ expressed in John 10:12. This would explain why Bach dispensed with the opening chorus, leaving the voice of Christ to the bass. Having Christ state his own words clearly and directly creates a sense of gravitas to the opening doleful aria. The opening continuo line and bass solo line foreshadow the chorale tune that will be heard in the final movement.

The acrobatic alto aria with virtuosic violoncello piccolo solo expresses a similar theme to that of the first aria. However the words are that of an observer, not Christ himself. The third movement is unusual in that it introduces a second chorale. The soprano soloist embellishes the chorale tune amidst a complex texture of two oboes and continuo. The chorale chosen, "The Lord is my Shepherd," is Psalm 23. This soprano aria serves as a turning point in the cantata from the solemnity of the opening arias to the pastoral images of the consequent movements.

The tenor recitative illustrates the great subtleties of Bach's representation of textural images. Full of clear and straightforward depictions, they almost beg for musical illustration: triplets for the wandering sheep, flowing sixteenth notes for the streams of Life, and severe harmonic turns for the "wolf of hell." The pastoral tenor aria that follows is one of the most beautiful in the repertoire. This direct affirmation of the Savior's love for us – "behold what love does" – never loses sight of the serious notion that all this was at the expense of Christ's blood. The insistent repeated notes on the words "Und hat am Kreuzesstamm vergossen" ("and on the trunk of the cross has poured [precious blood]") bring a frigid moment to the mood of pastoral peace.

The closing chorale sums up the message of the entire cantata: The Shepherd, our Savior, is a matter of seriousness and gravity; but he also enables the true believer to discover pastoral redemption and contentment.

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## Emmanuel Church Announcements

### *Today and Upcoming*

**Our annual Chapel Camp planning meeting will take place this Sunday, April 26** after the 10:00 service in the Emmanuel Room (through the kitchen off of the lobby). If you have ideas for our summer after church programming, please join us or send an email to Pam at [werntz.emmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:werntz.emmanuel@gmail.com).

**Memorial Service for Bill Gramby, Carolyn Roosevelt's partner of 44 years**, Sunday, May 3 at 1:30 in the Lindsey Chapel, with a reception following in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.  
<https://www.currentobituary.com/member/obit/299926>

**B-SAFE & B-LOVE 2026** ( Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment). Each year we join with others to support the summer day-camp activities organized by St. Stephen's Youth Programs (<http://www.ssyboston.org/>). There are many activities planned, along with the all-important academic support that children need during the summer months. Hopefully immigrant families will be able to attend without fear.

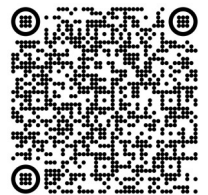
Emmanuel has signed up again as we successfully have the last four years for B-LOVE. Partnering with our friends at Central Reform Temple, we will support B-SAFE families for one of the four weeks with bags full of groceries. Our assignment is to fill 50 grocery bags with food and deliver them to St. Stephen's on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The aim is to help meet their needs in these times of continued economic upheaval and high food prices. If you wish, there are other opportunities to volunteer at St. Stephen's, 419 Shawmut Street (<https://www.ssyboston.org/bsafe>).

Pam Werntz, Jill Silverstein, Bob Greiner, and Peggy Bradley have been busy with a new plan for fundraising this year.

### **Join us for a B-SAFE Tea Party | Sunday May 31 at noon**

Along with friends from both Emmanuel and Central Reform Temple, we hope to fill the Parish Hall with camaraderie and joy as we share treats. And at the same time, raise funds to buy all those groceries! Please use the QR code to buy tea party tickets or donate funds for groceries.

Jill Silverstein and Joy Howard are set to go out and buy what's needed to fill those bags. Please consider joining the packing team on Thursday morning July 23 at the Allston Abbey, or the preparation team for the Tea on Sunday May 31. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Peggy Bradley at [margaretkbradley@icloud.com](mailto:margaretkbradley@icloud.com).



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Monetary gifts may be made by dropping your donation in the collection plate during the offertory, placing it in the donation box near the sanctuary doors, or mailing it to the church. Gifts may also be made electronically using the church's secure giving portal using the QR code on page 9 or PayPal. Please be sure to indicate if your gift should go towards your annual pledge or another special designation. If you are new to giving to Emmanuel Church and have any questions, please contact the parish administrator at 617-536-3355 ext. 10 or [parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org)



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