

**Some Pig  
In Other Words, Christ is Risen  
April 25, 2021  
#BiggerBalcony**



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

April 25, 2021

10:00 am

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*"Do you understand how there could be any writing in a spider's web?"*

*"Oh, no," said Dr. Dorian. "I don't understand it. But for that matter I don't understand how a spider learned to spin a web in the first place. When the words appeared, everyone said they were a miracle. But nobody pointed out that the web itself is a miracle."*

*~ E.B. White, Charlotte's Web*

**PRELUDE**

*"The Little Shepherd"*  
by Claude Debussy

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

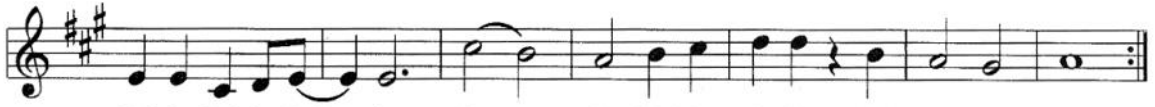
Sharon Benton

**SUNG RESPONSE**

“Halle, Halle, Halle”



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.



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**A READING FROM THE POETS**

“As Kingfishers Catch Fire”

Kaitlin Richcreek

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

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As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;  
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells  
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's  
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;  
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:  
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;  
Selves — goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,  
Crying *Whát I dó* is me: for that I came.

I say *móre*: the just man justices;  
Keeps grace: *thát* keeps all his goings graces;  
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —  
Christ — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his  
To the Father through the features of men's faces.



1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:  
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

*The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."*

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen  
 Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784  
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

*"Pray for the Wilderness"*  
words by Dan Damon, composed by Lee Yu San

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18  
Common English Bible

Kaitlin Richcreek

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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One: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## "For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

*Refrain*

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain  
 Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Davi Weasley

**The Prayer of Jesus**

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:  
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

**Our Creator**

who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come,**

thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

*"Bill Cheatham"*  
Traditional American melody

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**Open and Affirming (ONA):** As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**We Try To Use Language** which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

**Technical Support:** If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

### **VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF**

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

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