

Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Brass Ensemble

Litany

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing
your praise.

**Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose
heart are the highways to Zion.**

Come and Go with Me to My Father's House

TFBF 141

Come and go with me to my Father's house,
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Come and go with me to my Father's house,
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

Jesus is the way to my Father's house,
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.
Jesus is the way to my Father's house,
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

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Welcome and Word for this Day

Gospel of John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Rhonda R.

Prayer of the Day

Book of Common Prayer

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristina

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LBW 476

Have no fear, little flock;
 Have no fear, little flock,
 For the Father has chosen
 To give you the kingdom;
 Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, sts. 2 – 4; **Music:** Heinz Werner Zimmermann;

Prayers of the Church

Catholic Relief Services



***Shepherd me, O God,
Beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
From death into life.***

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain:***

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain:***

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain:***

*You have set me a banquet of love
In the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain:***

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain:***

Confession

Most merciful God,

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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HOLY COMMUNION



Invitation

The risen Christ invites us to his table.
Come, eat and be satisfied. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Communion Response *Praise God from* LBW 565
Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken; **Music:** Louis Bourgeois

Prayer

God, who makes us glad in this Festival Season, mercifully grant that we who now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may rise to eternal joys in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us

SBH 524

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 Much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us
 For our use your fold prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are yours.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor,
Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

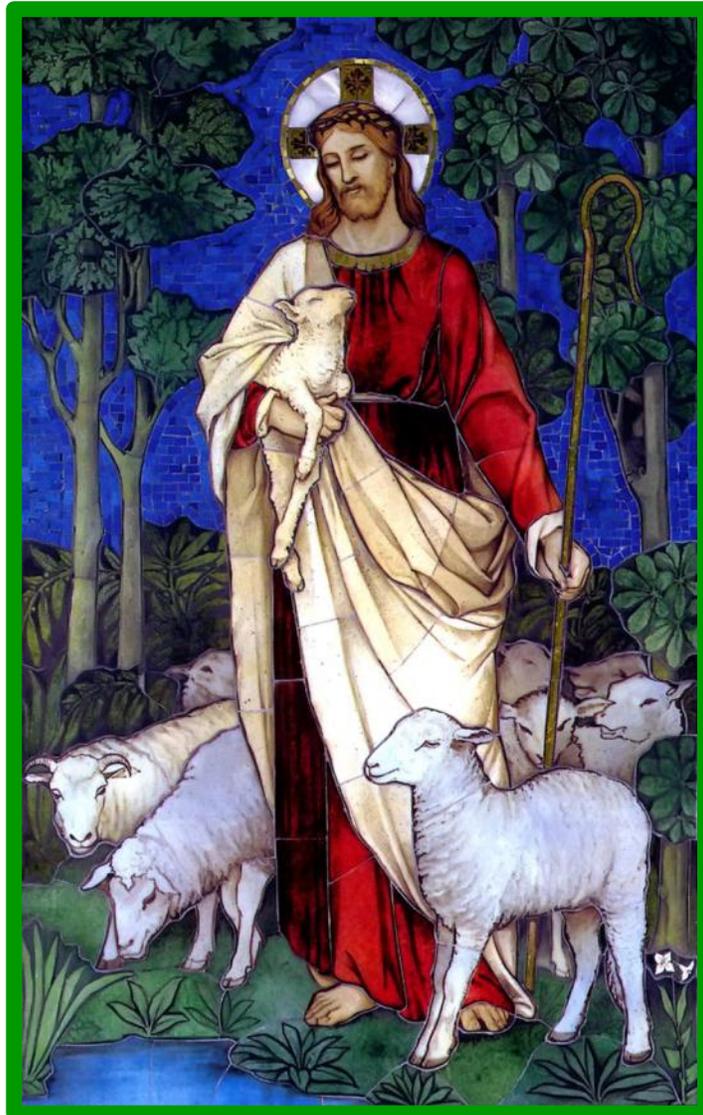
Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp; **Music:** Ludvig M. Lindeman

Postlude

We Bow Down

Rhonda R.





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