



SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 30th April
Fourth Sunday After Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Loving God,
you have raised to life,
Jesus the great Shepherd of the sheep.
Holy Spirit, help us hear the voice of the good Shepherd
and to faithfully follow him.
We ask this in your name,
Amen.**

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Jesus loves me

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
from His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, He will take me home on high:**

***Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

Anna Warner (1827-1915), alt.

CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

PSALM 23: The Lord's My Shepherd (Sung)

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again: and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now, and evermore! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Pastor Mark) Let us pray that we follow our good shepherd.

**Loving God,
we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd
who cares for us.
Open our hearts to hear his voice, to know him as he calls us by name,
and to follow wherever he leads.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 Life and worship in the apostolic church (NIVUK)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25 The shepherd and bishop of our souls (NIVUK)

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'^[a] ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'²⁵ For 'you were like sheep going astray,'^[b] but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread (NIVUK)

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁰ 'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for being the gate for the sheep to enter into life.
Lead us to know you and to follow you.
Amen.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

I am Jesus Little Lamb

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
Jesus loves me, Jesus knows me, All things fair and good He shows me.
Even calls me by my name: Every day He is the same.

Jesus is my staff and stay, Gently guiding day by day.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me; When I thirst, my shepherd leads me
Where the quiet waters flow, Where the sweetest pastures grow.

Should I not be always glad? Jesus would not have me sad.
When my days on earth are ended, By my loving shepherd tended,
In His arms I then shall rest, There to be for ever blest.

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon,
or Read and Discuss the Sermon
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL

Shepherd of my soul I give You full control
Wherever You may lead I will follow
I have made the choice To listen for Your voice
Wherever You may lead I will go

Be it in a quiet pasture Or by a gentle stream
The Shepherd of my soul Is by my side
Should I face a mighty mountain Or a valley dark and deep
The Shepherd of my soul Will be my guide

Shepherd of my soul I give You full control
Wherever You may lead I will follow
I have made the choice To listen for Your voice
Wherever You may lead I will go

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Loving Shepherd,
your Son laid down his life for us, his sheep.
Help us to follow him
by loving and helping those around us.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As sheep trust their shepherd for guidance and protection, let us turn to our God in prayer, certain that he hears our voice and knows our every need.

Dear God: thank you for giving us Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Help us to grow in grace and learn more about Jesus' love for us, by reading your Word, the Bible.

Good Shepherd: **Guide us and hear our prayer.**

May your Holy Spirit guide all pastors, teachers and parents, that they may be strong in their faith in You, when times are hard.

Good Shepherd: **Guide us and hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick or are in hospital. Be with them and help them to trust in You.

Good Shepherd: **Guide us and hear our prayer.**

Shepherd God, you gather your sheep from all corners of the world, and do not allow even one of your flock to be lost. May we and all people hear your voice, and be gathered into the one flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favour, and give you peace.

Amen!

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

The Lord is your shepherd, who cares for his sheep.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I'LL WALK WITH HIM ALWAYS

**The Lord is my Shepherd,
I'll walk with Him always.**

**He leads me through green pastures,
I'll walk with Him always.**

**Always, always, I'll walk with Him always,
Always, always, I'll walk with Him always.**

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Acts 2:42-47

LHS

506 Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

G5

797 Blest be the tie that binds GS

800 May we be one GS

802 One family GS

AT

1 Lord of our days

62 One family

69 Fill my house

172 May we be one

177 Love one another

228 Amigos de Christos

284 Part of the family

324 Saints of all time

479 For living, for dying

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

LHS

57 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth*
G5
75 We sing the praise of Him who
died G5
160 Arise, my soul, arise G9
211 Who are these like stars appearing
G8
212 Lo, round the throne, a glorious
band G4
214 Hark! the sound of holy voices G5
247 Thou who the night in prayer didst
spend* G5
297 Thine forever, God of Love G6
361 Let us ever walk with Jesus* G5

371 O Jesus, I have promised G5
422 Great Shepherd of Thy people,
hear* G6
607 Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep* G5
617 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
851 Amazing grace

AT

22 He was wounded
55 His name is wonderful
131 Amazing grace
245 You are the prisoner
261 The Servant King
308 We are called to follow Jesus
439 Forgiven
451 Saviour of the world

Gospel: John 10:1-10

LHS

175 Thou art the way* G6
176 We come, O Christ, to Thee G9
184 How blest the flock of Jesus Christ the Saviour
189 One is our God and Father* G6
387 The Lord's my shepherd*
391 The King of love my shepherd is* G9
592 Gracious Saviour, gentle shepherd G8
602 I am Jesus' little lamb* G8
604 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us* G6
607 Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep* G5
785 In Adam we have all been one G5
793 To God be the glory G, STJ 50
867 Have no fear, little flock G6

AT

17 Emmanuel: God is with us
55 His name is wonderful
236 Jesus the Christ said
486 Let's praise the Lord