



## ALL THE CHURCH FAMILY –May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

### The Good Shepherd

***We say together the words printed in bold.***

**Gathering to worship God**

#### ***Greeting***

Grace, mercy and peace from God our father

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Praise God who loves us.

**All Praise God who cares.**

#### ***Hymn: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds***

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 `Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

### ***Opening Prayer***

**All** Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Saying Sorry to God***

Let us remember that we are like sheep and often go astray from God our great shepherd and often forget to love you God and love other people as we should and we say sorry.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All**

**Lord Jesus, our good shepherd**

**Forgive us where we have not listened to your voice and have thought, said and done things that have been wrong.**

**Forgive us where we have followed the crowd rather than following you.**

**Forgive us where we have been stubborn, wanting to go our own way instead**

**of going your way.**

### ***The president declares God's forgiveness***

Heavenly Father as our good shepherd you laid down your life so that we might be forgiven. We receive your forgiveness today. Bring us back onto your safe path and help us to listen to you and follow you. **Amen.**

### ***Praise***

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

### ***Collect read by Isabel***

Jesus,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to listen,

that we can all follow your ways

that lead to life in all its fullness. Amen

### ***Reading John 10:1-10 Read By James***

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esus said: "I tell you, that anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.  
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.  
He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.  
They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”  
The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them,  
“ I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep whoever enters by me will be saved, and will find pasture.  
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Reflection The Story of Hannah the Sheep read by Soraia**

**Song: Brother James Air – Hazel & David**

**The Good Shepherd Prayer Emma**

Thank you God,  
That Jesus is the Good Shepherd,  
Who loves us,  
Leads us,  
Feeds us  
And protects us.  
Help us always to stay close to him and follow him,  
Amen

**Affirmation of Faith**

Praise God who loves us.

**All Praise God who cares.**

Let us declare our faith in God

**All We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Ephesians 3**

**Prayers led by Ollie**

Heavenly Father,  
You are the good shepherd.  
Help us to listen to and follow you

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.*

Thank you Lord, that you are our good shepherd.  
Thank you that you give us everything that we need.  
Help us to share your good gifts with others.

You are the good shepherd.  
Help us to listen to and follow you

*He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Thank you Lord that you guide us each day.  
Thank you that you never leave our side.  
Guide the leaders in our country to make wise decisions during this crisis,  
and comfort those who are going through difficult times and protect our NHS staff,  
carers and all key workers.  
You are the good shepherd.  
Help us to listen to and follow you

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Thank you Lord that you keep us safe.  
Thank you that you are the One who heals us.  
Bring healing to those who are unwell today,  
and help them to know your love.  
You are the good shepherd.  
Help us to listen to and follow you

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Thank you Lord that you never stop loving us.  
Thank you that we can look forward to being with you forever.  
Strengthen your church that we might show your love to those around us at this  
time,  
and keep our eyes fixed on you.  
You are the good shepherd.  
Help us to listen to and follow you **Amen.**

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

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

### ***Hymn: The King of love my shepherd is***

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

### ***Going out to serve God***

Let us bless the Lord:

***All thanks be to God.***

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

Christ the good shepherd, Who laid down his life for the sheep, Draw you and all who hear this voice, To be one flock within one fold, And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All In the name of Christ. Amen.***