



## Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!

**Come into his presence with singing!**

*Psalm 100.1,2*

### *Psalm 100*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth,  
his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto:  
Praise, laud, and bless  
his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

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## Confession and Assurance

Correct me, O Lord, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

*Jeremiah 10.24; Psalm 6.1*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8-9*

*Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of heavenly grace.*

*Please kneel or be seated.*

**Almighty and most merciful God,**

**We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.**

**Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

### *Assurance of Pardon*

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)

### *All praise to thee, my God, this night*

All praise to thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light;  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
The ills that I this day have done;  
That with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids  
close;  
Sleep that may me more vig'rous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

O when shall I in endless day  
For ever chase dark sleep away,  
And hymns with the supernal choir  
Incessant sing, and never tire!

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.

## God's word

### *Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-16*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

3 **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

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

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, age after age. Amen**

### *New Testament Reading: Luke 15: 1-7*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *A Shepherd to take us home (Alan Finch)*

#### *The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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## *Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father, 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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.**

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## *Doxology*

Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to Him alone.

## *2 Corinthians 13*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.  
Amen

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