



The LORD, Our Shepherd

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalm 23:6)*

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Ps 100)

Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,

it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,

to know you, to love you, and to worship you.

It is our greatest pleasure, our highest privilege,

our chief delight, to meet with you,

the one true and living God,

and experience your grace and favour.

Grant us power by your Holy Spirit

to worship you now, in Spirit and in truth.

Amen.

Valley of Vision

Psalm 95 (Now with Joyful Exaltation)

Now with joyful exultation
let us to the Lord sing praise;
to the Rock of our salvation
loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing,
let us come before Him now,
and, with Psalms His praises singing,
joyful in His presence bow.

For, how great a God, and glorious,
is the Lord of whom we sing;
over idol gods victorious,
great is He, our God and King.
In His hand are earth's deep places,
His the strength of all the hills.
His the sea whose bounds He traces,
His the land His bounty fills.

To the Lord, such might revealing,
let us come with rev'rence meet,
and, before our Maker kneeling,
let us worship at His feet.
He is our own God who leads us,
we the people of His care;
with a shepherd's hand He feeds us
as His flock in pastures fair.

While He offers peace and pardon
let us hear His voice today,
lest, if we our hearts should harden,
we should perish in the way;
lest to us, so unbelieving,
He in judgment should declare:
You, so long My Spirit grieving,
never in My rest can share.

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Confession and Assurance

“The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deut 6:4-7)

Have mercy on us, O God

According to your unfailing love;

According to your great compassion.

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.” (Joel 2:12-13)

So we will confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour,
first individually in silence, and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence
because of our many sins.
We would not receive any grace or mercy from you
if you dealt with us as we deserve.
We have sinned against you, O Lord,
and we have offended you.
And yet, as we acknowledge our sins and offences,
so we also acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favourable Father, to all who turn to you.
And so, we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son,
to show us mercy, and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age;
by your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that not only the actions of our lives,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thoughts of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.**

Knox's Liturgy (IPC Book of Liturgy)

Assurance of Pardon

“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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.” (John 10:7, 9, 11, 14)

Psalm 139 (O Lord You Have Searched Me)

O Lord You have searched me,
and You know my ways;
You perceive all my thoughts from afar.
Your hand is upon me wherever I go;
before I can speak, You already know

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
You are there;*

*If I rest on the far side of the sea,
Your love hems me in
both behind and before;
You have laid Your hand upon me;
You have laid Your hand upon me.*

Where can I flee
from Your presence, O Lord?
If I sleep in the depths,
You are there.
Your day will consume
all the shadows of night;
The dark cannot hide
from Your brilliant light.

Chorus

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God's Word

First Reading: John 10:1-21, p. 896

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

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 will 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.**

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!**

Sermon: The LORD, Our Shepherd (Rev. Mark Payne)

The King of Love My Shepherd is

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
a ransomed soul, he leads me.
And where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear LORD, beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight,
Of grace beyond all knowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight,
my cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Ref: Psalm 23*

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, simply allow the bread and wine to pass by, and reflect on what is taking place.

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Here, O my Lord,
I see Thee face to face;
Here would we touch
and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer
hand eternal grace
and all my weariness
upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed
upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee
the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay
aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh
the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of
banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly
table spread for me;
Here let me feast,
and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour
of fellowship with Thee.

Feast after feast
thus comes, and passes by;
Yet passing, points to the
glad feast above;
Giving sweet foretaste
of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast
of bliss and love.

Horatio Bonar (1855)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine,
you have fed us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and that we are members of his body.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Prov 3:9)*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah!
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more *
Feed me till I want no more.

(w) Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow

(m) Let the fiery, cloudy pillar,
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield *
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to Thee *
I will ever sing to Thee.

Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to Thee *
I will ever sing to Thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

** Men echo last phrase*

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**In the Name of Christ,
Amen.**

Notices for Calendars & Prayers

Sun 4 th Jan	Morning Worship (Joshua 1)	10am
Thu 8 th Jan	Psalm Sing (TCC)	7pm