

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Easter

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

- (*John 10:2-3*)

This story reminds us that we are God’s sheep and Jesus is our shepherd. Because we have a shepherd, we know we have someone we can turn to and depend upon. Knowing we have a shepherd, we can live interdependently and we too can be a shepherd to those who need one.

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Prelude	The King of Love –
Greeting	I am the Good Shepherd and I know my sheep. My sheep recognize and listen to my voice. I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. <b>Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want.</b>
Song	The King of love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Prayer for Illumination	God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. <b>Amen.</b>
Scripture Reading	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 10:1-10)  The Gospel of the Lord. <b>Praise to you Lord Christ.</b>
Hymn	(The King of Love beginning from st. 2)  Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.  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 veil I fear no ill with you dear Lord, beside me Your rod and staff my comfort still Your cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never  
Good shepherd may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever.

Reflection      *“We like knowing that God takes care of us, calls us by name, feeds us, protects us, brings us home, saves us. We celebrate that truth and on any one day would like to keep it for ourselves. We are perfectly happy to be sheep with God as our shepherd. But can we hear the voice of the shepherd calling us to be shepherd for others? “Feed my sheep,” Jesus told Peter.” John Westerhoff*

Prayer of Intercession:

Good Shepherd,  
you have promised to protect your people in times of danger  
and to hear us when we pray.

Good Shepherd, in you we find truth. We pray for the leaders of the church that they may be inspired by your Word and be led by the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith of your people and bring unity among them. May they bring hope and sow seeds to those who do not yet believe.

Lord,  
**hear us when we pray.**

Good Shepherd, in you we find justice. We bring to you the leaders of the world: grant them wisdom, discernment, and humility that they may be united in finding solutions for this COVID19 crisis.

Lord,  
**hear us when we pray.**

Good Shepherd, You are the great healer. In you we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health due to COVID19 or other sickness. We pray for healing of mind and body especially for the foreign workers who are far from their families. We now pray for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

*10 seconds silence*

Lord,  
**hear us when we pray.**

We pray for ourselves that we might hear the call from our Good Shepherd and follow his way of love.

And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, in confidence we 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.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Generous God and Giver of all things, we rest in your loving and tender care; and we are revived, restored and renewed by your strength and encouragement. You go before us in life, leading us in pathways that are secure without the confusion of becoming lost, aware only that we always need to follow you; and so we trust in your guidance and wisdom.

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**Amen.**

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Worship Resources

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