

St. Luke's Table

FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER and
VOCATIONS SUNDAY

I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord: I know my own
and my own know me.

John 10.14



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Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of the Word, (Morning Prayer),
from the Supplementary to the BAS.

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The Gathering
of the Community

Opening Hymn:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, (6 verses)

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.**

**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 spreadst 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 forever.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

**We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you
for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.**

**Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4: 5-12



Peter Healing the Lame Man -- Matthias Gerung,
Ottheinrich Folio, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek

Psalm 23, (alternating verses)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul and guides me
along right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

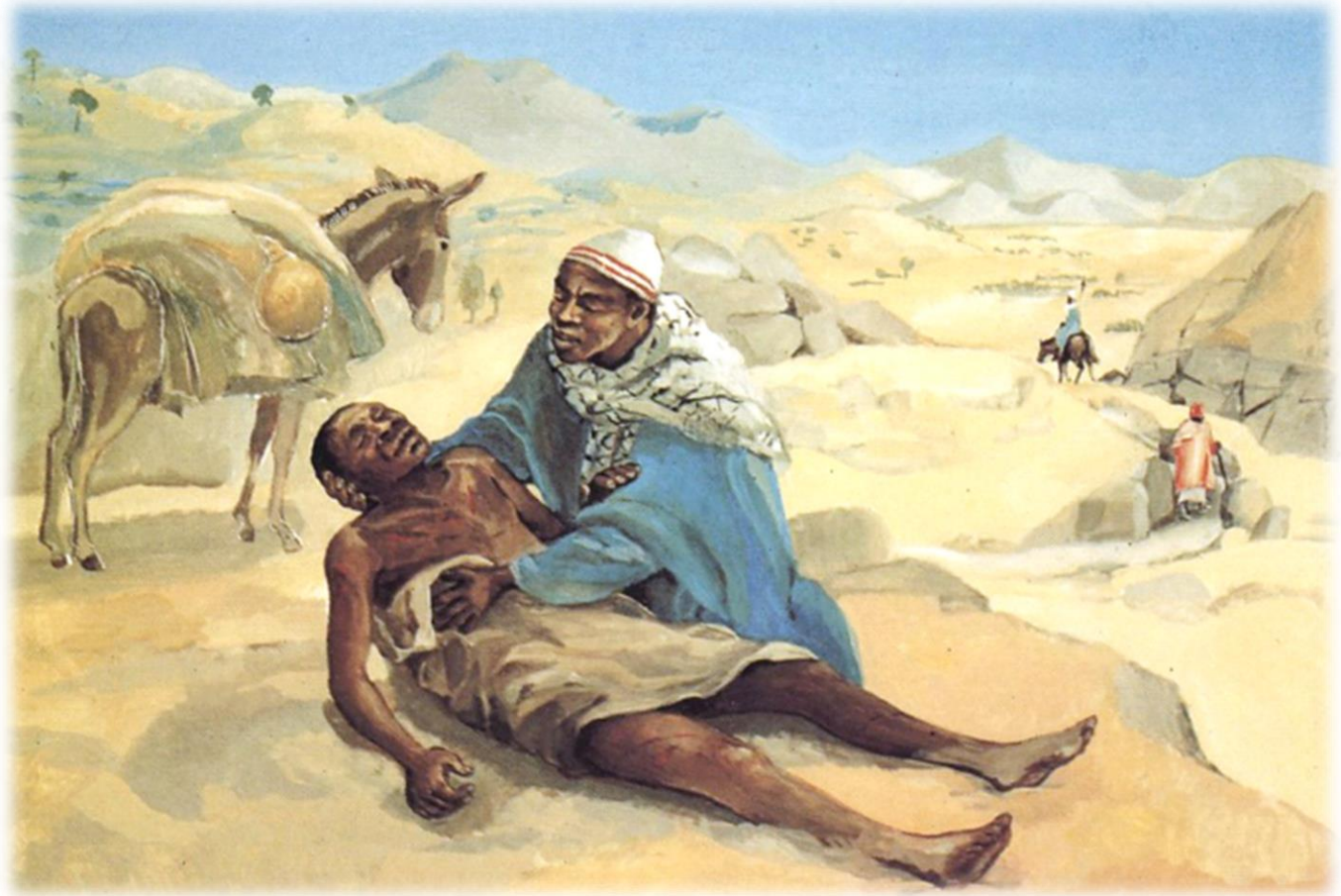
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd.
In the waters of baptism you give us new birth,
at your table you nourish us with heavenly food,
and in your goodness and mercy,
you guide us beyond the terrors of evil
and death to your Father's home to dwell
in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 John 3: 16-24



The Good Samaritan -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Gradual Hymn:

For the Beauty of the Earth, (5 verses)

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise .**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise .**

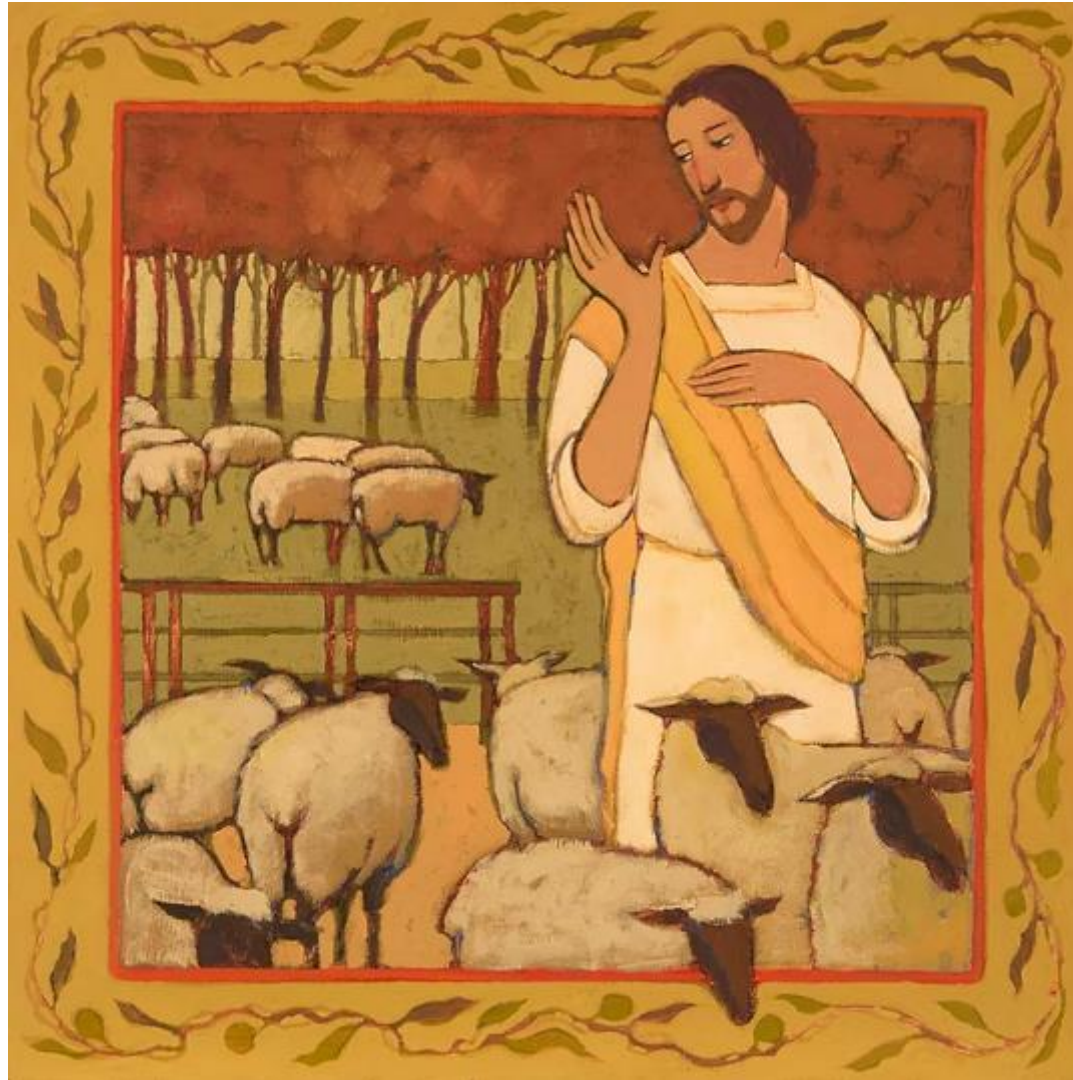
**5. For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

The Good News:
Gospel of Christ
according to
John 10: 11-18



Ethiopian Portrayal of Christ as the Good Shepherd
Bibliothèque Nationale Paris, France

Reflection



Other Sheep, Peterson, Kathleen

The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He 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 the People



Psalm 23 -- John August Swanson

Offertory Hymn:

The Lord's My Shepherd, (5 verses)

**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**

**2. My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
Even for his own name's sake**

**3. Yea though I walk through death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For thou art with me and thy rod
And staff me comfort still**

**4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows**

**5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be**

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace
at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications to you,
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together
you will hear their requests.**

**Fulfill now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us,
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the Holy Spirit, now and for
ever. Amen.**

Parish Discernment:

A Prayer for Vision and Leadership: (alternating verses)

God we come before you with grateful hearts
for the tremendous talent within our church.

We are a body filled with capable leaders
already doing great things.

Forgive us when we fail to heed your calling
in our lives or as a community.

Despite our forgetful nature, you love us dearly and want us to partner with you in this work. Not as servants, but as daughters and sons. Bring us a renewed vision of ourselves from your perspective. Help us to embrace your love so that we may share it with others.

Guide us as we make choices to act in loving ways towards ourselves and others; modeling community, self-care and wellness rather than selfishness, greed and isolation.

**Grant us a renewed vision as we seek you in your word.
Give us dreams to change our community
that make us come alive because we are doing
what you created us to do.**

Let our joy overflow from the leaders that rise up
and come alongside us with words of encouragement
and sharing the burden of the task.
Let us honour you with our work, with our families
and with our lives.

There have been and will be many more moments of doubt and uncertainty. We often allow our circumstances to cloud your brilliant vision and we are left with so many more questions than answers. Our storms seem monumental and some are fiercer than others, but you are larger than all of them.

We cling to you. Not in our understanding of your ways,
but our growing understanding of your loving nature.
Lord we believe your promises. Help us with our unbelief.
And as leaders that is where we gather our strength.
We are claiming Christ as our anchor
in the shifting sea of life.

**We humbly draw our power to love
from the amazing grace you have showered us with.
Thank you Jesus for loving us
and never removing us from your vision. Amen.**

(Adapted from www.forestviewchurch.ca/prayers_of_the_people/a-prayer-for-vision-leadership/)

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of hope
fill us all with joy and peace
in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, (4 verses)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Please respect Social Distancing as you exit;
begin at the back of the Church. Thank You.*

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