

# Eucharist

## Good Shepherd Sunday



**Music:** Good for the Soul

### The Gathering

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

Priest: Praise be to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.  
May his love and protection be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Call to worship *(with allusions to Psalm 23, John 10 and I Peter 2)*

Priest: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.  
The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us,  
who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.  
This is our God!

**All: Let's worship Him together! Amen**

### Confession

Priest: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name.  
Have we been faithful in following his call?  
Let us reflect on our thoughts and actions *(Pause)*

**All: Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.  
Lord, we would follow you.  
Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.  
Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.  
Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,  
the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.  
Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.  
Lord, we would follow you.**

*written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>*

### Words of Assurance *(based on I Peter 2, New Living Translation)*

Priest: Sisters and brothers, our Lord Jesus Christ personally carried our sins  
in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin  
and live for what is right.  
By his wounds you are healed! Once you were like sheep who wandered away.  
But now you have returned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Gloria,

**All:**           **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect

Priest:           Let us pray.  
**All:**           **Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to  
hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people  
may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### Liturgy of the Word

**Acts 2:42-47** (*New International Version - UK*) **Read by Linda Brown**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader:           This is the word of the Lord  
**All:**           **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel

Reader:           Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                          according to John  
**All:**           **Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 10:1-10** (*New International Version - UK*) **Read by Dr Clare Butler-Ellis**

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

<sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Reader:           This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All:**           **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### The Creed

Priest: Lets us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and 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.**

### Intercessions led by Martyn Gates

Priest: In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*These end with the words:*

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### The Peace

Priest: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you:

**All: And also with you.**

## HYMN— The Lord's my Shepherd (Crimond)

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.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished me  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore,  
My dwelling place shall be.

### Preparation

Priest: Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen High Priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**All: Amen.**

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
But most of all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son,  
the true Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising again he has restored life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the other witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we adore and praise your glorious name saying together:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood; +  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Priest: In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All: To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Priest: Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Priest: Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All : Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### [The Lord's Prayer](#)

Priest: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

#### [Breaking of the Bread](#)

Priest: The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.  
The Cup we Share is the Cup of Love  
Here at this table we share the abundance of God's gifts.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

#### [Giving of Communion](#)

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**  
Jesus says: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.'

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Priest: Come, the table is ready. You are welcome

### After Communion

**All:**           **God our shepherd,  
we have gathered at the table You have prepared.  
We have eaten, we have drunk,  
we have tasted your overflowing abundance.  
May this meal embolden, enrich, and nurture us  
as we go out to live as people of The Way.  
And may goodness and mercy flow through us all the days of our lives.  
May we live in your presence forever.**

**Christ is risen! Death is defeated! Jesus is Lord!  
Alleluia! Amen**

### Blessing

**Priest:**       The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
That great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every way  
to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be with each one of you, and those on your hearts  
today and always. **Amen**

**Priest:**       Go in peace. The Lord is your shepherd, who cares for his sheep.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All:**           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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