

# ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

## 21 April 2024—Easter 4 Good Shepherd Sunday



Title: The Good Shepherd Artist: Dupre, Julien, 1851-1910

### Welcome and Notices

Lighting of Candle and pouring water into bowl

### Acknowledgement of Country

This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Kurna People, traditional custodians of this land under God. We acknowledge that their sovereignty has never been ceded and their connection remains unbroken. We commit ourselves again to working together for reconciliation in this land.

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures;

**I shall not want.**

The Lord leads me beside still waters;

**I shall not want.**

The Lord restores my soul;

**I shall not want.**

## Opening Prayer

### Song

We are your people TIS 468

1 We are your people;  
Spirit of grace,  
you dare to make us  
to all our neighbours,  
Christ's living voice, hands and face.

2 Joined in community,  
treasured and fed,  
may we discover  
gifts in each other,  
willing to lead and be led

3 Rich in diversity,  
help us to live  
closer than neighbours,  
open to strangers,  
able to clash and forgive.

4 Glad of tradition,  
help us to see  
in all life's changing,  
where you are leading,  
where our best efforts should be.

5 Give, as we venture  
justice and care  
(peaceful, resisting,  
waiting or risking)  
wisdom to know when and  
where.

6 Christ, as we serve you  
in different ways,  
may all we're doing  
show that you're living,  
meeting your love with our  
praise.

### Prayer of Confession

#### Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers, for that is who we are – children of the one God.  
Hear these words spoken to you, spoken for you:  
God loved the world in this way; God gave out of God's goodness and  
joy.

You are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Song:** The King of love my shepherd is – based on Psalm 23 – TIS 145  
(refer attached song sheet)

### Scripture

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd"

## Hearing the Word “One flock, one shepherd”

**Song** Jesus calls us here to meet him TIS 477

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God’s promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Peter M Parr

***Our Father, Perfect Love, we turn again to You.***

***Guide us; help us to love, so that Your Will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us this day that which we need. Fill us with hope and trust.  
Help us to forgive our brothers and sisters (and ourselves as well);  
and to look on them as you look on us.***

***Give us strength to resist temptation. When we are tempted, let us choose peace.***

***Deliver us from our fears. For what You love is safe.  
And Your love remains forever and always. Amen.***

## Gathering our Gifts

**Song** Lord let me see, see more and more            TIS 681  
(refer attached song sheet)

## Sending Out

**Song**                      Go now in peace                                      TIS 781

Father, bless us as we go.  
Jesus, walk beside us.  
Holy Spirit, guide us.

## Scripture

John 10:11-18 NRSVUE I am the good shepherd

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*[You are invited to light a candle as you leave the sanctuary.]*

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