



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille  
with Aix-en-Provence  
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Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Licensed Lay Minister Jane Quarmby, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The service will be in two parts. Jane will begin by leading us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, the Chaplain will celebrate the Eucharist and we will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.*

### **The Gathering**

*The minister says*

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

*All*    **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZcCnLfufQs>

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name;*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'New life for us alleluia!'

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Words and music: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*The minister says*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant says:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

*All say:*

**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

*The minister says:*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### First Reading

### Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

1    The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.

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

3 He shall refresh my soul \*  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading**

### **1 John 3.16-end**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives  
for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees  
a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will  
know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts  
condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our  
hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever  
we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and  
love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in  
him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he  
has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNMXynVUZpg>

Faithful shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer,  
May I love thee more:

Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be thyself my treasure,  
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
As thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
To thy promised rest.

*Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)*  
*Tune: Pastor Pastorum – Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860)*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **John 10.11-18**

*The minister says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

*John 6.40*

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. 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. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, following our Gospel Reading where Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. Shepherds crop up 24 times in the Bible, in both the Old Testament and the New. In the early days when the people were nomadic, living in tents and constantly on the move, they were all shepherds. Sheep and people were interdependent, the sheep providing wool for clothing and fabrics, milk, cheese, and meat; and in their turn dependent upon the people to provide food, water, shelter and protection. Over the centuries as people settled and became farmers, shepherds were still vital as were their flocks of goats and sheep. In the Middle Ages fortunes were made from wool and in England the enormous churches built on the woolpack still survive today in the Cotswolds and East Anglia. Abraham, David, Abel, Moses, were all shepherds of sheep before they became shepherds of people.

Everyone in Jesus' time and before, would have been very familiar with what a shepherd did. Not so nowadays when for many in the western world they only know sheep from programmes on TV, or as a pack of indeterminate meat wrapped in plastic in the supermarket. As Margaret Feinberg writes in her book *Scouting the Divine – Searching for God in Wine, Wool and Wild Honey*: "What does it mean to know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd when the only place you've encountered sheep is in the petting zoo?"

It's a good question and it's all too easy to take for granted that people in church do know what a Good Shepherd is – otherwise how can you see Jesus in that role, or even make head or tail of a lot of the Bible?

We still have working shepherds today and things haven't changed much from David's day in terms of the job. The shepherd is responsible for protecting the sheep from thieves, predators like wolves – farmers all around us are losing sheep to the re-introduced wolves - ensuring they have the right food and clean water to drink, moving them onto clean pasture to limit infection, healing them when they are sick, shearing them to keep them comfortable and disease free, and keeping them together and out of harm's way. Sheep will naturally wander off in search of the next green grass (as do people). Lambing season is busy, helping struggling ewes to deliver their lambs. Sheep don't respond well to being driven, but will happily trot along behind their trusted shepherd, following the sound of his (or her) voice. I

think it was Tim Teusink who sent me a great cartoon of sheep having a party. They were all standing around wondering what to do until finally the sheepdog arrives with a pack of beer under its arm, when one sheep says to the rest: “Oh thank goodness, the sheepdog’s arrived – now the party will get going!” They do need organising.

Being a shepherd isn’t all fluffy white lambs skipping around green fields in the sunshine. Despite being waterproof sheep have an unerring instinct to get into trouble and given half a chance, to die. Their waterproof wool is due to a rich content of lanolin which in damp or hot weather is actually stinky - as are their carers. If they don’t have their lambs indoors I can guarantee they will wait until the wettest coldest night to produce in the corner of the field furthest away from their nice cosy barn. They need steering away from trouble and their shepherd needs to be with them in all weathers, rain or shine, snow and hail. A good shepherd is protective, attentive, observant, will do all they can to protect their flock. They have a strong bond with their sheep and will protect them at risk to their own lives. Even I have been reckless enough to beat off two curious cows from playing ball with a new born lamb, armed with a yard broom. It’s not an easy, comfortable, 9 to 5 job, it’s uncomfortable, smelly, muddy and heartbreaking at times. It’s also joyous when your sheep run up to you and give you a big cheesy grin. (Yes they do grin.)

So why does Jesus see himself as a shepherd? And us as sheep? In Mark chapter 6 verse 34 we read “Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” In John’s Gospel today Jesus says “I know my sheep, and they know me” and goes on to say he will sacrifice his life for his sheep. He will collect all his sheep that are scattered and they will listen to his voice. They will follow his voice.

Why is this image so strong throughout the Bible?

If we are Jesus’s sheep – does that mean we are hard work, get ourselves into trouble, wander off and get lost, need to be cared for, loved, protected, get muddled and make wrong choices, are at risk from predators? I’d say we are. We too aren’t always fragrant, skipping, happy, healthy creatures. Our predators may not be wolves but we have all too many human predators, intent on harming us, stealing from us, hurting us, killing us, wanting to dictate our lives and control us. We too need shelter, healing, love and care. We need help to point us towards making the right choices, to lead us in the right direction which gives us a fuller, richer life. We need, more than ever, the Good Shepherd to lead us away from war, aggression, exploitation, selfishness, greed, indifference to the suffering of others. There are all too many bad shepherds, keen to lead us astray.

We need to listen to his voice and come to him, bringing our friends, families and neighbours with us into one flock, where each one shares resources so that none go hungry or thirsty, or lacks medical aid, where each one puts others first, and cares for the beautiful creation in which we live. Jesus didn’t spend his time in luxurious surroundings, surrounded by the

wealthy, the clever, the beautiful people of the day. He spent his time with the people at the bottom of the heap – the poor, the sick, the despised people like tax collectors, the smelly, homeless, uneducated, sick, ugly folk. He knew what human life was like in all its richness and its sadness, it's sometimes brutal heart breaking reality.

Jesus doesn't drive us – he calls us to follow him. He cared for us so much that he gave his life to protect us. He went on ahead of his flock to show us the way, to give us new life. He didn't die for us to carry on following the wrong voices, getting lost and making the wrong decisions in our life, but to listen to him. To trust him to lead us to our own green pastures where we are safe and loved. Jesus has never forced us to follow him; in the same way that sheep will very quickly learn which of the all the voices they hear is the one of their shepherd, and trust in that voice and trot along behind, we need to recognise the voice of our shepherd and follow him.

If sheep are clever enough to know who their Good Shepherd is and recognise his voice, surely we humans should be?

*Jane Quarmby, Licensed Lay Minister*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of intercession**

“The watchman opens the gate for the shepherd and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

Lord, we thank you for this powerful image of the shepherd and his sheep. We listen to your voice. You lead us and we follow. Help us as we pray now for ourselves in our need and for others in all kinds of need, some we know and love and others far away. Help us to listen and to hear your voice and to be led out by you, to believe, to serve and to trust in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for our complex world, for the fragile equation of rich and poor, of have and have not. We pray for the needy throughout the world. In your love and mercy, help us to feed and care for your lambs. We pray for all who are hungry, homeless, displaced. For the asylum seeker and refugee. For those whose home is a makeshift cardboard shelter. For the mother who cannot feed her children. For the parents who cannot find work. For those who hunger for justice and freedom and peace and all who work to make a safer world for us to live in. We pray for those suffering from the destruction, loss and pain caused by war, and we ask that you turn the hearts and minds of all in positions of power to peace.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord, as you lead us out of the sheepfold to believe and trust in you, we pray for the Church. We give thanks for the blessings we find here in our Chaplaincy and for the opportunities we find to grow in faith. Guard and guide our Bishop Robert, Archdeacon Peter, Chaplain Jamie and our ministry team in their ministry among us and the areas in which we live. We pray for encouragement as we approach our annual meeting, that

more will feel called to fuller involvement in your service. We pray for those who seek the vocation to which you are calling them, that they may find in you and those around them the guidance they need.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord help us to tend your sheep We ask for your blessing on our outreach of pastoral love and care, those who visit or pray for the sick, all visitors to the bereaved. that they may bring strength in spirit, healing in minds and hearts and comfort and love to protect the vulnerable. We pray for neighbours, friends and families, those ill in body or mind, anxious or afraid, depressed and despairing, those lonely, abused and grieving. From our chaplaincy we pray for healing for Malcolm, Peter, Gerline, Gabrielle, Eddie, Doreen, Diane, Sam and Robert. We pray too for healing and strength for King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, and Sarah, Duchess of York. In a moment of quiet we remember those we know who are in special need today.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who have died and are now enfolded in the love and peace of your kingdom. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can quench.

We commend to your everlasting care those who have died and those who mourn. We remember those whom we have been parted from. In your light shall they see light.

Today we entrust to you The Revd Anthony Ingham, former chaplain of St Michael's Church, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, who died this week: welcome him into the joy and peace of your kingdom and bless his wife Fiona with the comfort of your love.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you told us: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep." As you know the needs of each one of us, we ask that you hear our prayers today.

Merciful Father,

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

## The Peace

*The minister says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcCwUF0s\\_-Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcCwUF0s_-Y)

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

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 vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

## Preparation of the Table

*The celebrant says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In your 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 our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

*All*    **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

*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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

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.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite,  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,  
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;  
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,  
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*    **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*All*    **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All*    **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.*

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

**Music:**        Surrexit Pastor Bonus

*Music: Jean L'Héritier (c.1480 – 1550)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEyHpomMJts>

The Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, has arisen. Alleluia.  
And he did not disdain to die for his flock. Alleluia.  
For truly was Christ the paschal lamb sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The celebrant reads the prayer after Communion.*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDPCFbAysBc>

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How he left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with his saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,

Sing it with his saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then he'll bear me safely over  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

*Words: Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)*  
*Tune: Hyfrydol – Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)*

## **Blessing**

*The celebrant says*

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*The celebrant says*

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Picture: The Shepherd And The Wall (2018), Zaki Baboun, Bethlehem, Palestine

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