

A. OPENING PRAYER

The blessing of Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity, Three in One,
be in our meeting
and in our greeting,
in the worship we share
and the words of our prayer. **Amen.**

B. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)*

We thank you, God,
for the invitation to pray.
We thank you that you bid us to come.
Before we ask you for anything,
we want to thank you for everything.

Thank you, for ...

C. PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*"If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves,
pray, search for me,
and turn from their evil ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
forgive their sins,
and heal their country." (2 Chron 7:14)*

Let us confess our sins ...

D. READING

Psalm 23

E. PRAYER: GOOD SHEPHERD

*"...he had compassion on them
because they were like sheep
without a shepherd." (Mark 6:34)*

**Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you –**

to care for those
who are close to us,

to protect those
who are threatened,

to welcome those
who are rejected,

to forgive those
who are burdened by guilt,

to heal those
who are broken and sick,

to share with those
who have little or nothing,

to take the time to really know
one another and love
as you have loved us.

**Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you –**

to spread compassion to those
who are far away,

to speak for those
who are voiceless,

to defend those
who are oppressed and abused,

to work for justice for those
who are exploited,

to make peace for those
who suffer violence,

to take the time to recognise
our connectedness,
and to love as you have loved us.

**Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you**

**and to be faithful
to the calling
you gave us
to be shepherds
in your name.**

Amen.

F. LET US PRAY

Samuel, when asked by the people to pray to God for them, responded, "far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

Let us pray ...

G. BENEDICTION

Go now, and embrace the hope
to which God has called us.
Recognise Christ in friend and stranger,
and as Christ has been gracious to you,
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you
a place of rest on rich pasture;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king
who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom
and reveal to you the fullness of the one
who fills all in all.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

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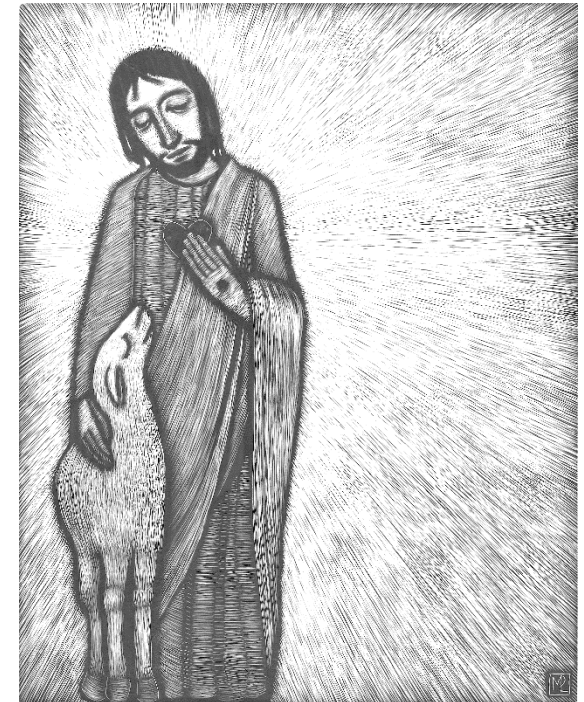
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I trust you, Lord

Theme
Good shepherd