



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

INVOCATION *Pastor Ben Oesch*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

OPENING SENTENCES

John 8:12, 1:5; Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 4:6

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: **Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over. Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church.**

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

with Luther's Evening Prayer

P: We pray together:

ALL: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.

C: Amen!

HOLY SCRIPTURE *Katie Jones, lector*

Psalm 138:7-8

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You, O LORD, preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

Matthew 10:28-31

Jesus taught His followers: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN # 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

PSALM 23

P: We say and pray God's Word back to Him: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: **Even 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.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

C: Amen.

MESSAGE "The Shepherd's Psalm" text: Psalm 23:4

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VOLUNTARY Psalm 23 *Amelia Oesch*

Soloist: The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone.

For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;

And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

ALL: And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone.

For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Holy God, every good gift comes from Your gracious hand. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for Your goodness to us.

C: **Make of our lives a living sacrifice, that we may give witness to the world of the abundance of Your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen!**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: **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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 880:1, 4 & 5 "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow"

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

Psalm 23

'The Lord God is my shepherd, He gives me all I need.'

Is that an empty declaration, or heartfelt words that you believe?

Are His promises of pastures green and peaceful waters true?

Do you trust the Shepherd knows far more, what's good and best for you?

Do you let Him guide your steps in paths of holiness and right?

Or strain to go your own sweet way, with all your power and might?

Do you fear the darkest valley and doubt the Shepherd's staff?

Do you feel He leaves you wanting and alone on this life's path?

Do you question what might lie ahead when you reach your journey's end?

If so, then let me gently reassure you, my dear friend.

Everything you truly need, is found only in Him.

He laid His life down freely, to break the curse of death and sin.

He gives you rest and peace, and guides the way that you should go;

And though death's looming shadow stalks you, it can't deal a final blow.

No evil has dominion o'er the Shepherd's precious sheep,

He guards them with ferocious love, for they are His to keep.

He's rich in holiness and love,

His blessings daily show.

He pours His goodness out on you, 'til your cup it overflows.

His love and mercy follow you and that will never cease.

Until you dwell eternally, with our sovereign

Prince of Peace.

By: Rose Marmion, February 16, 2021

This poem is on the website of
Cornerstone Church, Kingston Upon Thames.

The church website explains:

This beautiful poem, based on Psalm 23, is written by one of our church members as part of our "Acts of Kindness" month. In the midst of another national lockdown, "Acts of Kindness" month was introduced as an incentive to think of and do something kind for others. This poem was intended for our encouragement and we hope it continues to do the same for you.