



MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 22, 2023 . 12:00 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott, BWV 621

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, walk in green pastures and lie down in them.

People: We follow and trust the Good Shepherd.

Minister: Come, dine at the table of abundance and dwell in God's house.

People: We are fed by the Good Shepherd, and we live in his care.

HYMN 64 *

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Reginald Heber, 1826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! God's love for us is never ending. It is never too late to return to his flock. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE LESSON

Psalm 23

† following the reading

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Psalm 23 (op. 37)

Paul Creston
(1906-1985)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Will Green, *tenor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 381 *

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we
 2. We are thine, thou dost be - friend us, be the
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly

need thy ten - der care; in thy pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; thou hast mer - cy to re -
 let us do thy will; bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
 Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Hear, O
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! We will
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast

bought us, thine we are. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 hear us when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 ear - ly turn to thee. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

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Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

BLESSING *

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love, go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness. Love one another in truth and action. May God's abundant blessings abide in you forever.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623

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