

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH

130 BURWOOD ROAD BURWOOD

TE RĀTAPU TUAWHĀ O TE ARANGA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 APRIL 2024

ŌTAUTAHI | CHRISTCHURCH

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WELCOME

As a community of faith here at St Pauls, we welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all.

We welcome all without regard to where you are in your personal faith journey, whether you are a life-long Lutheran, or you come from another faith tradition, whether you are doubting, or you have no faith practice at all. Our unity is in Christ who embraces all.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Card *if you want to* and to place it on the offering plate, hand it to an usher or give it to Pastor Mark.

If you – or someone you know – would like to know more about a relationship with the Lord Jesus or our church community here at St Pauls, please –

Speak to Pastor Mark Whitfield after worship, phone him on 028 85001875 or email him on mark.whitfield@lutheran.org.nz at any time

... or speak with one of our members during the fellowship time after worship.

All are welcome. You are welcome.



GOD'S MISSION THROUGH US

Going in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the people of Burwood, ŌTAUTAHI | CHRISTCHURCH and beyond, making them disciples of Jesus Christ

WHAKATUWHERATIA OKU NGUTU

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS

Worship begins with God. The psalmist writes –

Lord, open my lips, so my mouth will praise you

Psalm 51:15

In Christian worship, God serves his people – *Divine Service* – with his love through Word and Sacrament and we respond with our prayers and songs of thanks and praise.

Here at St Pauls, we use a variety of musical settings for liturgy and worship. This morning's setting is called **Kia ara ō koutou ngākau – Lift up your hearts** and was written by Mark in 2020. The liturgy for all Sundays is the liturgy of the Lord's Supper [Holy Communion] in line with the encouragement the Confessions of our Church offer –

One common Mass is observed among us on every holy day, and on other days. If any desire the sacrament, it is also administered to those who ask for it.

The Augsburg Confession

GATHERING

Mibi and Words of Welcome

Waiata – Gathering Song

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

Iriiritanga – Remembrance of Baptism

Jesus said: 'Ko ahau te hēpara pai,' 'I am the good shepherd.'

'I know my own and my own know me.'

Hoani 10:14

Lord, make us to lie down in your green pastures,
and lead us beside still waters,

Restore our souls and lead us on the right paths for your name's sake.

Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu.

Em nome do Pai, do Filho e do Espírito Santo.

Yumi lotu long nem bilong God Triwan: Papa na Pikinini na Holi Spirit.

In the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Āmine (Amen).

Whaakinga – We confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our good shepherd:

Lord, have mercy.

God our most holy Friend, we come before you as wanderers
who need to come home to familiar ground and saving grace.

**We come compromised from seeking a living in a ruthless world,
in need of facing our failures and regaining our bearings.**

You give your life for the sheep:

Christ, have mercy.

We come seeking that shepherd-love that gave Mary Magdalene back her sanity,
Zacchaeus back his self-respect, Peter a second chance, and Paul a totally new life.

**And now, holy God and Friend, please lift us out of our pre-occupation
with our own needs. Allow us to trust you with all that is past
and to commit to you all that is to come.**

You gather us into your flock:

Lord, have mercy.

Make us joyful in all the goodness we have received from your hands.

And let us seek the same grace and joy for those who live and work beside us.

Create in us a new gratitude for all people who are loving, true and beautiful.

Awaken in us a longing for the qualities of Jesus Christ.

Silence to reflect on what we have just said to God

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i -
son! Hear our prayer and save us. E te Ka - rai-ti, ki a
a - ro - ha mai! Hear our prayer and help us. Lord, Lord,
- have mer - cy! Hear our prayer and bless us.

Kia ara ō koutou ngākau

Lift Up Your Hearts

My friends, it is good to be here in the flock of Christ Jesus,
where saving grace abounds, and our cup is full and running over.

**Here we fear no evil for God forgives our sins and
restores our soul and leads us in the paths of right living for his name's sake.**

With the authority of Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the Word,
I announce the grace of God to all of you and forgive you your sins in the name of the
Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Himene – Entrance Song

This is the feast of vic-tor y for our God. Al le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength
And honour, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen.

This is the feast

For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast

Karakia – A Prayer for Today

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Good Shepherd, source of innovation and perpetual faithfulness,
guide us to the places where we should be
and nourish us with the food that restores the human spirit.

By your strong arm subdue our temptations

**and override our foolish decisions,
that we may find ourselves at home with you
even when we are in unexpected territory.**

To the enrichment of those who live and work around us
and to the glory of your saving name.

Amen.

WORD

Te taima o ngā tamariki – Especially for Kids

The First Reading – Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23



He leads me where green pastures are, and where cool waters flow.
My shepherd

He will refresh my soul again, when I am faint and sore.
And guide my step for his name's sake, in right paths evermore.
My shepherd

Though I should walk the vale of death, I should not know no fear.
Thy rod and staff the comfort me: thou Lord art ever near.
My shepherd

A table thou hast spread for me in presence of my foes.
Thou dost anoint my head with oil, my cup, Lord, overflows.
My shepherd

Thy goodness and thy mercy, Lord, will surely follow me,
And in thy house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.
My shepherd

Second Reading – 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what

pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Areruia – Alleluia

A - re - ru - ia! A - re - ru - ia! A - re - ru - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Areruia! Areruia! Areruia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Kia ara ō koutou ngakau

Lift Up Your Hearts

Rongopai – The Gospel – John 10:11-18

Ko te Rongo Pai nō te Pukapuka a Hāto Hoani;
 a reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Glo ry be to you, O Lord.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki; the Gospel of the Lord:



Praise be to you, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, our good shepherd, for being willing to die for your sheep.
Lead us to know you and follow you. Amen.

Kōrero Whakataua – The Sermon

LAYING DOWN ME FOR YOU ... LAYING DOWN ME FOR OTHERS

1 John 3:16

Affirmation of Baptism – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

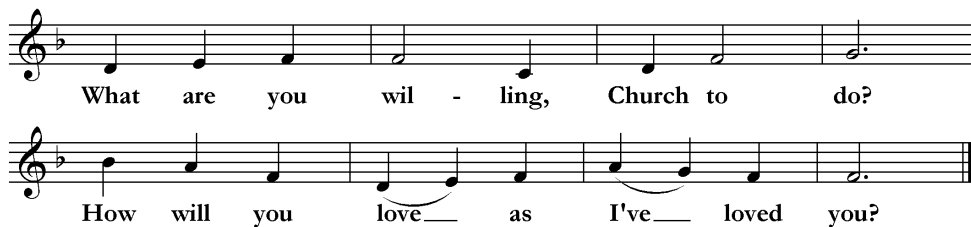
**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

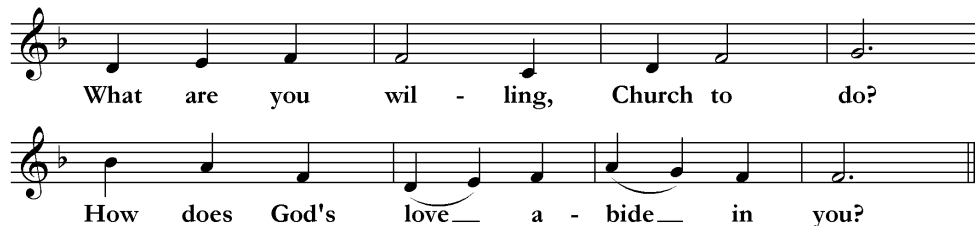
Himene – Hymn (Song) of the Day

Jesus, we know your love in this:
You gave your life to save us all.
You died so we would all be blessed,
And in this gift, we hear your call:



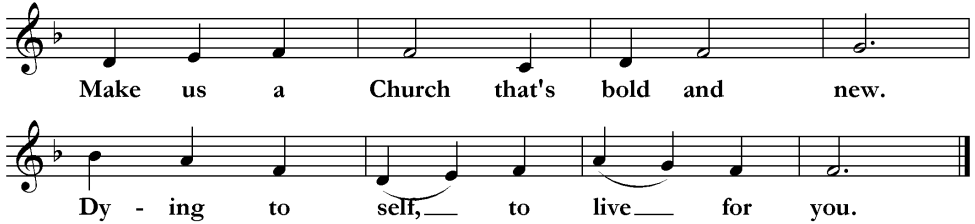
What are you wil - ling, Church to do?
How will you love___ as I've___ loved you?

We are weighed down by what we own,
While those who lack the world's goods die;
Even in places near to home,
Poor, hungry people daily cry:



What are you wil - ling, Church to do?
How does God's love___ a - bid___ in you?

Teach us, O Lord, your way to live;
Serving your world means sacrifice.
Loving means we will freely give —
Sharing our goods, our skills, our lives.



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MEAL

Karakia – Prayer

As sheep trust their shepherd for guidance and protection, let us turn to our God in prayer, certain that he hears our voice for the sake of Jesus Christ his Son.

Lord, hear the voice of your sheep,
As we cry to you for help.

Closing Prayer

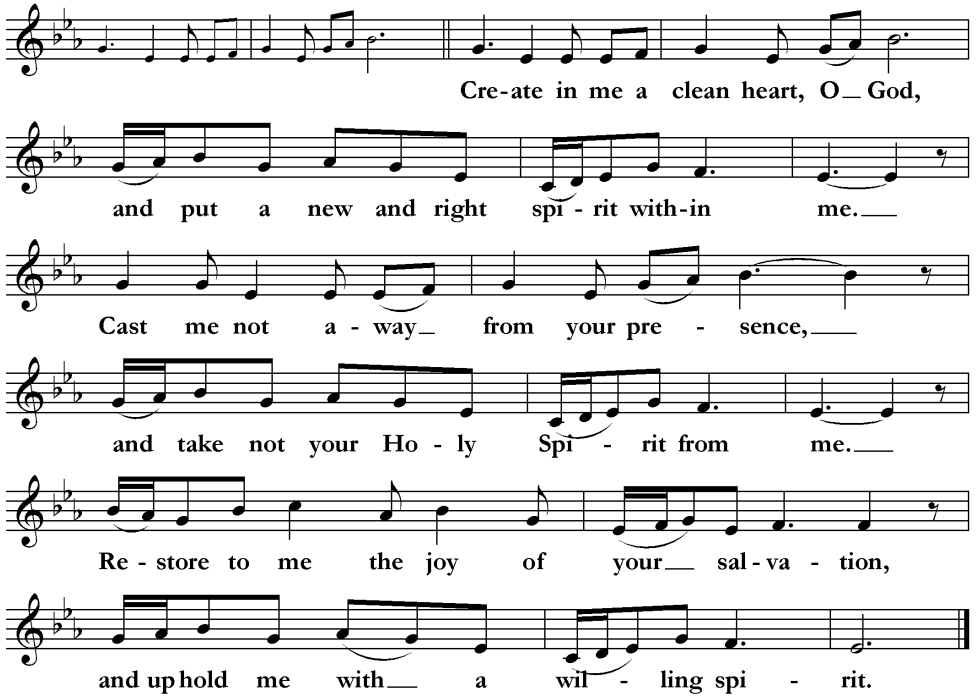
Shepherd God, you gather your sheep from all corners of the world,
and do not allow even one of your flock to be lost.

May we and all people hear your voice and be gathered into the one flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hongi – Te Rangimarie – the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord with you always.
And also with you.

Koba – Offering – as the Table of the Lord is set



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spi-rit with-in me.____
Cast me not a-way from your pre-sence,____
and take not your Ho-ly Spi-rit from me.____
Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,
and uphold me with a wil-ling spi-rit.

Kia ara o koutou ngakan

Lift Up Your Hearts

Thank you, Lord, for making us yours through the sacrifice of your Son.
Let your Spirit live in us to make us more and more like Christ.
Lead us to serve others with all that you have given us. Amen.

Preparing for Holy Communion



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But most of all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the other witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we adore and praise your glorious name:



Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! Ta-pu! Ta-pu! He Ta-pu!
Bles-sed is the King who comes. Ta-pu! Ta-pu! He Ta-pu!



God, the Lord of heaven-ly hosts! Ta-pu! Ta pu! He Ta pu!
In your name to bless us here. Ta-pu! Ta pu! He Ta pu!



With your glo - ry you now fill heav'n and earth to dwell with
Sing 'Ho - san - na!' Sing on high: 'He has won the vic - to -



us, Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! Ho ly! Ho ly! Ho - ly Lord!
ry!' Sing 'Ho - san - na' to our King!



Tapu! Tapu! He Ta pu! Holy! Holy! Holy Lord! Ta pu! Tapu! He Ta pu!

Words of Institution

E to matou Matua i te rangi – The Lord’s Prayer

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be
done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are
yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*E to matou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei
ra.
Murua o matou hara, Me matou hoki e muru nei i o
te bunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kaweā kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia matou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangitiratanga, te kaha,
me te kororia,
ake ake ake. Amine.*

Lamb of God

Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy u -
Give us your
pon us, up - on us, Lord Je - sus.
peace now, your peace now. A - - - men.

Holy Communion is a means of grace.

It is a gift from God, instituted by Jesus on the night before his crucifixion.
This gift is Jesus himself; that in and through the bread and wine we are offered
Jesus – his body and blood, his life, his presence.
Come if you believe that Jesus' life and all it offers is for you.

At the end of Holy Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong and keep you in his grace.
Peace be with you.
Amen.

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
**Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Te karakia whakamoemiti – Our Song of Thanks

Ka - ta - hi, e te
A ri ki, in_ peace, ac cord ing to your word, for I have seen how
you have sent your_ Son to save the world from sin.

Now your salvation is revealed, a light that shines in this dark world;
A light of grace for all the earth; a light that glorifies your saints.

**All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one true God;
The God who was, the God who is, and will be evermore. Amen.**

Kia ara ō koutou ngakau

Lift Up Your Hearts

Celebrations, Notices and Announcements

SENDING

Mānawatanga – Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.
Amen.

Waiata – Sending Song

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| 1.The Lord's my shepherd, kind and good,
He gives me all I need.
In pastures green, near quiet pools,
He lets me rest and feed. | 2.He gives new life and strength to me
and leads me on his ways.
As he has promised, he is true,
my guide throughout my days. |
| 3.And when I walk through death's deep night,
then I will have no fear,
for with your staff you comfort me,
and you are always near. | 4.Lord, you prepare a feast for me,
while enemies look on.
And you anoint my head with oil,
and fill my cup with wine. |
| 5.Your goodness and your faithful love
will always be with me.
And in your house then I will live
with you eternally. | |

Scottish Psalter (1650)
Metrical paraphrase of Psalm 23 by David Schubert (2000)

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Poroporoaki – Sending

Haere i runga i te aroha, haere i runga i te rangimārie. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen (Amine); **we go in the name of Christ.**

Readings	Acts 8:26-40 (Psalm 22:25-31), 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8		
Reader	Ginny	Holy Communion	Susanne
Usher / Welcoming	Thomas	Hospitality	Karin

This Week

Today	10.00am	Worship
Monday 22		
Tuesday 23	11.00am	Mark attending LCANZ <i>Religion and Domestic Violence Taskforce</i> meeting (via Teams)
Wednesday 24	11.00am	Mark participating in ANZAC devotion at <i>Burlington</i>
	1.00pm	Mark leading devotion at <i>Alpine View Lifestyle Village</i>
	7.00pm	Leadership Team meeting
Thursday 25	7.30pm	<i>ANZAC Day</i>
Friday 26		
Saturday 27	1.30-7.00pm	<i>Lifting our Voices</i> conference (see next page)
Sunday 28	10.00am	Worship

In our prayers

- For those who have been **unwell with colds and flu and other things** (Audrey, Andrew and Debbie, Michelle and Glenn, and others you may know of)
- A prayer of thanks for a positive **meeting** with the board members of a **local Community Trust** that is leading to the possibility of St Pauls hosting community-based/focused programs throughout the week
- For those affected by the many **job cuts** that are happening at the moment especially in the public sector
- For peace in the **many places in the world where there is conflict, violence, war**, and where innocent people are being injured and killed ... the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Israel, Russia, etc., and for those affected by the **terrorist acts in Sydney**
- For all who are **travelling during the holidays**
- For **Nicole and Kevin** as they settle in to work and life in Kerikeri (during the week I got this message from them: *Things are very busy at kiwifruit orchards, but we find some time to visit Cape Reinga. We saw the sunset, with that lighthouse, really beautiful. God bless you all*)

<i>Sunday</i>	John 10: 11-18	The Good Shepherd
<i>Monday</i>	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
<i>Wednesday</i>	Luke 15:1-7	Parable of the lost sheep
<i>Thursday</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
<i>Friday</i>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
<i>Sunday</i>	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

Verse for the Week | Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. *Psalm 23:4*

Prayer for the Week | Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer | Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give | May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.



Lifting Our Voices

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Saturday 27 April 2024

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something *for the kids* ... *young and old* 😊

join the dots



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."
John 10:14