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Good Shepherd Sunday April 25, 2021

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!
We are glad you are here in God's house today.

- Out of consideration for others and to comply with state guidelines, please wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, please take one from the box on the table in the entry.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors and to the left.

SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

SERVICE THEME: Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. We are his sheep. Our Good Shepherd loves us so much that he gave his life for us. He knows us all by name. He protects us from our enemies. He gives us courage and strength. He continually brings more sheep into his fold. He promises heaven to all who believe in him. How great is the love that God has lavished upon us!



MORNING PRAISE

Matins

Morning Praise or Matins is an order of service that takes powerful biblical texts and combines them with fresh, energetic melodies. This service has been in use among Christian communities as a way to usher in a new day with God's blessing, recalling the biblical mandate to "watch and pray."



Please stand

Minister: O Lord, open my lips.

Congregation: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

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COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD *Venite*

Psalm 95

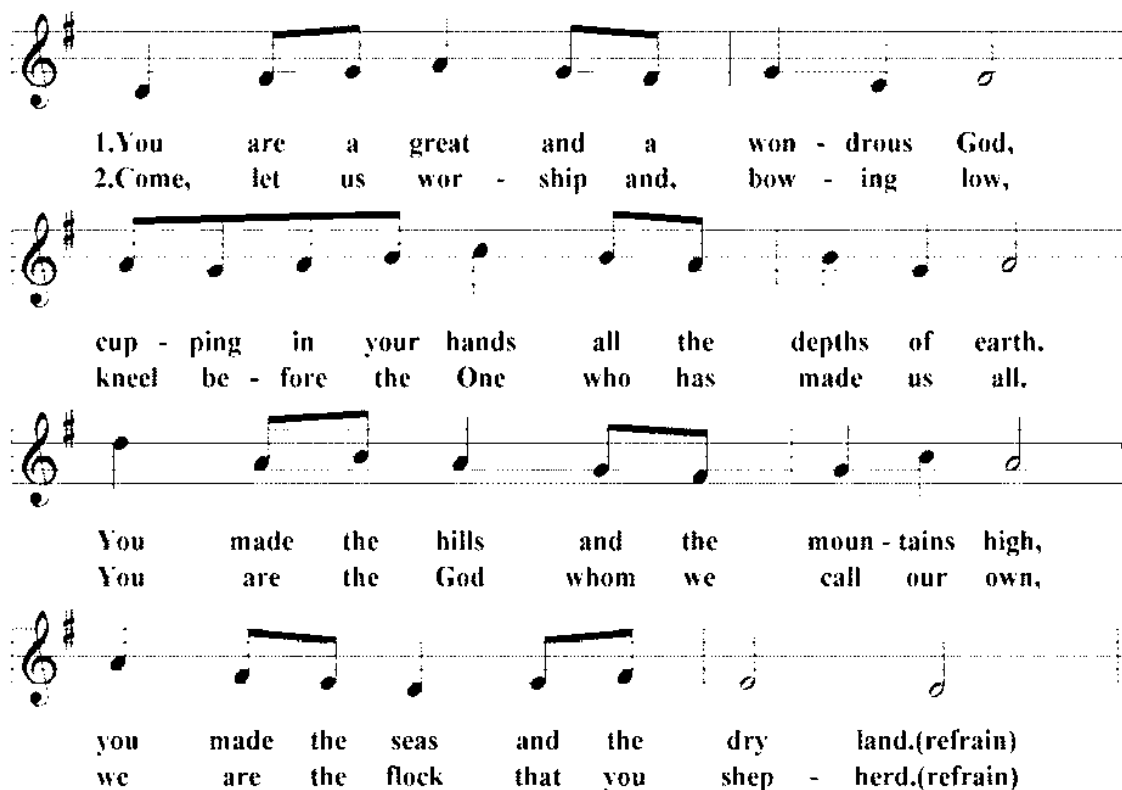
This song, the Venite, Latin for "come," allows worshipers to come and make a joyful noise in praise of the maker of heaven and earth using the words of Psalm 95

Refrain:



Come, oh, come let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses:



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,
you made the seas and the dry land.(refrain)
we are the flock that you shep - herd.(refrain)

Please be seated

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 63



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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Cantors: Refrain

Cantors: O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

C: Refrain

Cantors: For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

C: Refrain

Cantors: On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

C: Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:23-33

Our Good Shepherd never forsakes us. May we daily thank him for his goodness.

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

“Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. **25** You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “ ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. ’ **27** Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **30** Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. **32** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. **33** With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-2

*As the children of God, we look forward to seeing our
Good Shepherds he is when we meet him in the glory of heaven.*

1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

RESPONSE:

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

*The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
For that reason, we sheep gladly listen to his voice and follow him.*

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.”

Be seated

my * sheep * LISTEN * TO
MY VOICE
I * KNOW * THEM * AND * THEY
FOLLOW ME

HYMN

”My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Christian Worship #374

1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, His
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -
ho - vah is his name, In pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -
tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be
makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode And all my work be praise.
He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When
His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will
There would I find a set - tled rest While
I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger
mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.
or a guest But like a child at home.

SERMON

John 10:11-16

RESURRECTION CHRISTIANS FOLLOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. Because he laid down his life for us
2. Because he is the only one we can trust
3. Because he gathers us together as his flock

Please stand

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum*



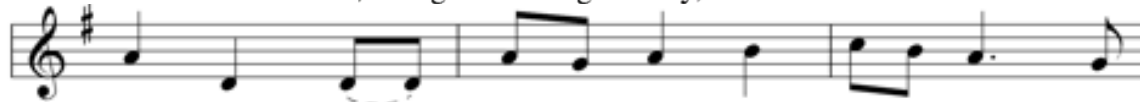
You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



Verses
 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
 You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, **We sing in end - less praise!** *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

(Psalm 27:7)

Spoken

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our dear Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

THANKSGIVING

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

Spoken

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Christian Worship #432



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

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