



**Order of Service for 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020  
'The Good Shepherd'  
11:00 Ascension Vicarage Garden  
Live streamed via Facebook**

**Welcome and Introduction**

Christ yesterday and today,

**All: The beginning and the end,**

**Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Opening Song:**

**When we walk with the Lord**

In the light of His Word

What a glory He sheds on our way!

Let us do His good will;

He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,*

*For there's no other way*

*To be happy in Jesus,*

*But to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss,  
Not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the alter we lay;  
For the favour He shows  
And the joy He bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

## Confession

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**All: We Lord Jesus, we confess to you the wrong things we have thought, said and done. We are sorry that we haven't loved you or loved other people. Thank you that you died for us and rose again. Please forgive us and set us free. For the glory of your name. Amen**

## Collect

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## Songs:

### **Before the throne of God above**

I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
My name is written on his hands  
My name is hidden in his heart  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
No power can force me to depart  
No power can force me to depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me  
to look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is safe with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

**Jesus my King**, my wonderful Saviour  
All of my life is given to Thee  
Now I am living in Your great salvation  
Your precious blood is making me free

*Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
You are so near, so precious to me  
Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
My heart is filled with praises to Thee*

Freedom from sin, O wonderful story  
All of its stains washed whiter than snow  
Jesus has come to live in this temple  
All of my days His love I will show

*Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
You are so near, so precious to me  
Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
My heart is filled with praises to Thee*

Jesus my Lord, I'll ever adore Thee  
Lay at Your feet my treasures of love  
Lead me in ways to show forth Your glory  
Ways that will end in heaven above

*Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
You are so near, so precious to me  
Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
My heart is filled with praises to Thee*

When in that bright and beautiful city  
There I will see Your glories untold  
I will be like You, my wonderful Saviour  
I will sing praise while ages unfold

*Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
You are so near, so precious to me  
Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour  
My heart is filled with praises to Thee*

## **Bible Readings:**

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Offertory Song:**

*(At this point we would normally bring our gifts to God. Thankfully you are still able to faithfully give by using either the donate button on our website: Click here [Giving to Ascension](#). Or make an online payment to the church account 'Church of Ascension PCC' Sort Code: 206788 Account No: 10990779)*

### **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.

*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.*

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.*

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift us your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**All: This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

**All: This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
He took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this is remembrance of me.

This is our story:

**All: This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to  
plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

**All: This is our song  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this  
food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in  
heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for  
ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day 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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.**

**O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**All: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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### **Final Song:**

**Father God I wonder** how I managed to exist  
Without the knowledge of your parenthood  
And your loving care.  
But now I am your child  
I am adopted in your family,  
And I can never be alone,  
'Cause Father God you're there beside me.

I will sing your praises  
I will sing your praises  
I will sing your praises  
Forevermore

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Forevermore

### **Final Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, this Easter Day and always. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**