



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Good Shepherd Sunday and the Fourth Sunday of Easter



DO YOU NOTICE THE LITURGICAL CHANGES OF EASTER?

Color: our lenten purple and holy week red are replaced by Easter white and gold, the colors of joy and resurrection.

Flowers: Easter is the only season in which St. Francis has flowers present at the altar each week. This highlights the importance and celebration not just of Easter Day, but of the entire 50-day Easter season.

Seating: In Lent, our seating was “choir style” or facing one another as we confess our sins and weakness to God and to one another. In Easter, we face forward toward the white, gold, flowers, and signs of “Alleluia!”

Candles: We add the tall Paschal Candle next to the altar in Easter. Paschal means “passover.” We believe Jesus “passed over” from death to life. The Paschal Candle is lit and prominently placed next to the altar to convey in sign and symbol a central theme of Easter—the unconquered light of Christ.

Liturgical language: In Lent, we do not use the word “Alleluia” which means “God be praised!” This word returns in Easter. Can you find the places where “Alleluia” is used in the liturgy? How does it change those pieces of the liturgy?

Readings from Sacred Story: Throughout the year, the first reading comes from Hebrew Scriptures. Only during Easter is the first reading from the New Testament, the Book of Acts. Acts shares the story of Jesus’ followers in the days, weeks and months after Jesus’ death and as the Church emerged and grew.

Confession: Where did it go? In Lent, we opened our liturgy with the Great Litany which includes the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy). For the seven Sundays of Easter, we omit the confession altogether. This liturgical change emphasizes God’s grace and love, and Christ’s definitive reconciling power for us all.

Good Shepherd Sunday: The fourth Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday where we focus on the image of Jesus Christ as our shepherd and caretaker, the one who leads us to places of safety.

“No mistakes in worship:” At St. Francis, we say, “there are no mistakes in worship.” Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

ALLELUIA, HEARTS TO HEAVEN

Stand. At 8am, verse 1 only. At 10:30am, all.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

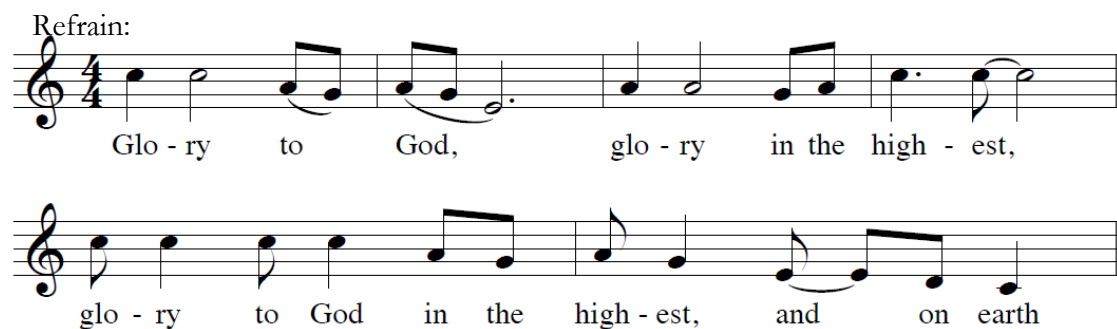
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

GLORIA


At 8am, sing refrain two times. At 10:30am, sing all.

Refrain:



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

To Verses



peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**



A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

Congregation sings (at 8am and 10:30am).

REFRAIN

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life._____

death in - to life. death in - to life._____

VERSES 1-3

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

1. rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
2. lead me by path - ways of right - eous - ness and truth, my
3. fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

1. walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace._____
2. spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your Name._____
3. rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope._____

VERSE 4

4. You have set me a ban - quet of love in the face of

4. ha - tred, crown - ing me with love be - yond my pow'r to hold.

VERSE 5

5. Sure - ly your kind - ness and mer - cy fol - low me all the days of my

5. life; I will dwell in the house of my God for - ev - er - more._____

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand and sing.*

At 8am, sing refrain only twice. At 10:30am, before gospel, sing refrain, verse 1, and refrain again.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ia! *1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. _

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con-quired death,

1. o - pened heav - en to all _ be - liev - ers. _ to Refrain

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 10:22-30

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing the refrain above one time through.*

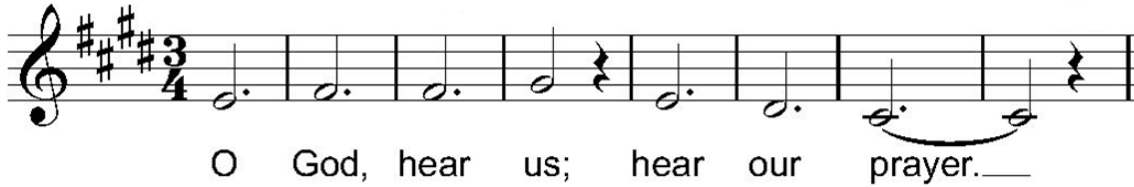
THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon God of hope, we bring our prayers to you as we sing.

The congregation sings the response one time after each prayer.



Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for us through your child Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the bulletin, for biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed at StFrancisEureka.com or on paper at the back of the church.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

MEDITATION HYMN *8am* ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD PERFORMED BY SOUND OF WORSHIP

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*



Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior. Al - le -

At 10:30am , the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

H 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Stand*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Say at 8am: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30:

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN

Sing twice.



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
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People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
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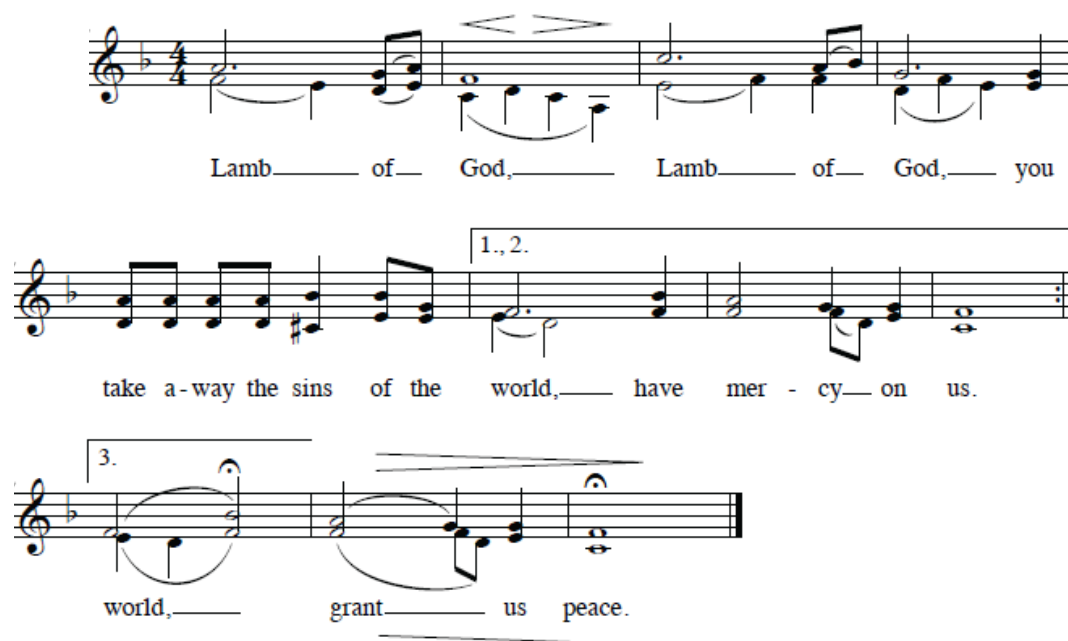
FRACTION ANTHEM 8:00am

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM 10:30am



Lamb — of — God, — Lamb — of — God, — you

take a-way the sins of the world, — have mer - cy — on us.

world, — grant — us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

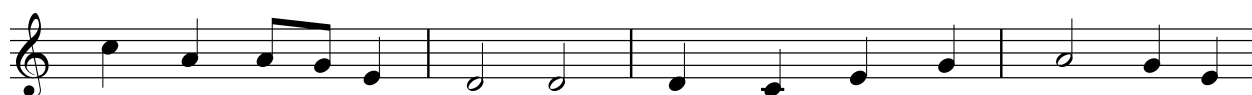
Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

People

Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
 Amen.

BLESSING

Presider May the Good Shepherd lead you into green pastures and beside still waters, that you may find rest and refreshment in his care. And may the blessing...

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *8:00am*

I COME WITH JOY

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

SENDING HYMN 10:30am SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US



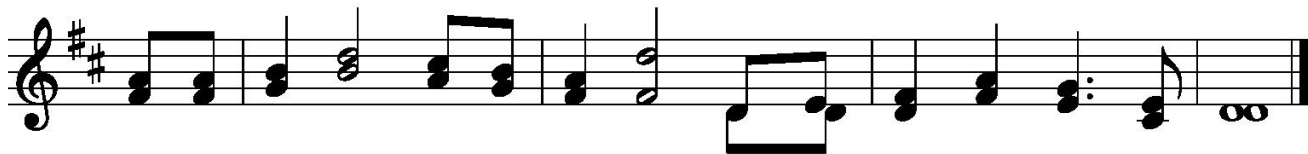
1 Sav - ior, like a Shap-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;



in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;



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DISMISSAL

Deacon Equipped by our worship together, may you go into the world carrying the love and peace of the Good Shepherd to all you meet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PSALM 23

THE PSALM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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 for ever.