

# The Season of Easter



Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna (c. 425 AD)  
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**“Love God, Serve Neighbor”**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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**Prelude**                    “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/He Leadeth Me”                    Annette Nolan

### Call to Worship

L: We gather together to worship God,  
the Shepherd of our souls.  
The one who has created us,  
who sustains us,  
who redeems us,  
who walks beside us in good times and bad,  
and who calls us to follow.  
This is our God!  
Let's worship Him together!

### Confession & Forgiveness

L: Loving God,  
You made us,  
You shaped us,  
You gave us breath,  
Yours is the love that endures,  
Yours the wisdom and peace we seek.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You know each name,  
You know each need.  
You come looking for us when we stray  
and shepherd us into the ways of truth and life.

Holy Spirit of wind and fire,  
in all the activity of our busy lives,  
make us to lie down in green pastures,  
away from the world's ceaseless noise, lead us to quiet waters.

*Silent reflection*

L: God of surprising grace,  
in a world of great plenty,  
the suffering of the poor and hungry is unending  
and we are ashamed that we take for granted  
many of the basic essentials of life others are denied.

In a world of great beauty,  
our inhumanity to one another seems to know no bounds  
and while many nations are in turmoil,  
human beings carry out acts of callous violence toward one another.

We confess too our own failures of kindness and care  
when we have caused one another hurt and disappointment.

*Silent reflection and self-examination*

L: God, shepherd of our souls, let your rod of love and staff of guidance comfort  
us. Lead us out of the dark valleys and renew us in faith, hope and love in  
Christ our Lord.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep, teach us to hear your  
voice and to follow your command that all your people may be gathered into  
one to the glory of God. Amen

**Easter Greeting**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen . . . Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### Prayer of the Day

L: Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.  
When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.  
When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.  
When we are fearful, feed us at your table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.  
Amen.

### The First Reading

Psalm 23

### Gospel Acclamation

“Word of God Speak”

John Tirro

### The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

### The Message

### Song of the Day

“Word of God Speak”

John Tirro

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say  
  
Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
(Word of God speak)

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay

*CCLI Song # 3912788 – Bart Millard | Pete Kipley*

## Prayers of the Faithful

L: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we gladly join today in prayer and praise with your Church the world over. We thank you for the many gifts that enrich life's experience, the love we share and friendships we enjoy, the work we do and interests we pursue.

For all these gifts, and more,

**Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, keep us close to you so that can learn to love as you love, teach as you teach, care as you care, and lead as you lead.

For all this, and more,

**Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you tend to all our needs. Make your presence known to those who struggle, suffer, and are in pain or sorrow. Guide those who are lost and those who filled with worry and fear. Protect those who are in harm's way, heal those who are ill, and mend those who are broken, as only your love can.

We especially pray for:

- Bill Aldred
- Lemont Bell
- Eileen Folkert
- Jennifer Gazda
- Dwight Hartsell
- Carole Johnson
- Bill Kirkpatrick
- Dick Kuklantz
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Phyllis Lester
- Ray Matthews
- Rick Messina
- Justin Mertz
- Anita Ortiz
- Richard Schulz
- Myra Steele
- Wylee Stephens
- Laura Tucker
- Harold Twitty
- Connie Van Brunt
- Herbert Watson
- Beverly Williams
- Lewis Williams
- Gerry Wisner
- Thomas Clement

We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially . . .

Vance, friend of Jennie Henderson & Stephanie Estrella

By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Now, we now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name (give time for community to pray). We pray:

For all these people, and the concerns known only by you,

**Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we prayer for healthcare professionals and relief workers, especially those who find themselves on the frontlines to bring healing, comfort and care to all impacted by the coronavirus. Bring peace in the midst of anxiety and renewed sense of unity in places of protest and discord. Inspire all with a spirit of camaraderie as the entire world works to meet the health needs and safety of all communities and peoples.

For all these people, and all our hopes and concerns,

**Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you hear the prayers we've spoken and the ones still unknown to us. By your Holy Spirit, give us peace as we trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. May our place ever be within the sound of your voice and our homecoming one of welcome and celebration; all of this we ask in your name.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (Sung by Rob Beyersdorf)

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

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## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

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### Benediction

L: Like a shepherd, God will lead us:

**C: to those places of peace where we can gather with friends and strangers.**

L: Like a shepherd, Jesus will call us:

**C: to give ourselves in service and in love to others.**

L: Like a shepherd, the Spirit will show us:

**C: the people we are called to be and the community we are called to become.**

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Sending Song

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Rob Beyersdorf

"Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?  
"Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"  
Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949*

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