



*The Good Shepherd*  
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FAMILY WORSHIP LITURGY

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
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CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 23)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake...

Family: Amen!

Hymn: *Doxology* - [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!*

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray, kneeling if you can:

Family: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: 1 John 1:9 says, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Family: Thanks be to God, our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ascension Hymn: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God, Psalm 51* - p. 6 below | p. 415 Cantus | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Leader or Unison: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Old Testament (1 Samuel 16:1-13):

*The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to*

*sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

*When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.*

**The Optional Psalm Response (1): *The King of Love, Psalm 23***

p. 7 below | Cantus Christ p. 35 | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

**The Optional Psalm Response (2): *The Lord is My Shepherd, Psalm 23 (Crimond)***

p. 8 below | Cantus Christ p. 38 | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

**The Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’. . . [The Pharisees said] “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”*

Reader: . . . The Gospel of Christ!

Family: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**The Catechism for Lent: Heidelberg Catechism Question 1**

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Family: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Scripture proofs for catechism:*

1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 14:7-9; 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9, 2:2; John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11; John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5; Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18; Rom. 8:28; Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:1-17

*Gloria Patri* - Cantus Christ p. 436 | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

## SERMON - PSALM 23

[\[sermon video\]](#)

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Psalm 23 is a beautiful poem which expresses the care of the Lord for his people with the well-known Shepherd/sheep relationship. It is a Psalm of David and calls to mind a young man who came to know God while tending the flock. Just as David was a good shepherd, nourishing and protecting the flock, so the Lord was The Good Shepherd (1 Samuel 17:34ff). This is one of the most memorable passages in Scripture and has been the comfort of God's people for over 3000 years. It explains God's care for us, to lead us, to restore us, to be with us through the darkness, to strengthen with rod and staff, to prepare a table, to anoint us, to cause goodness and mercy to follow us – forever. When God looked on David's heart, by His grace, David was the kind of believer that placed His trust in Yahweh as Shepherd of His people. This caused David to sing and play psalms of praise to his Lord.

**Insight**

Psalm 23 is the best known Psalm in the world. It is a tremendous comfort. The first five words, like five smooth stones can bring down the giants of self-condemnation and lack of assurance.

- *The LORD is my shepherd.* That is The one and only Almighty God is the One who cares for me.
- *The LORD is my shepherd.* He is not a vague deity. He is the Covenant Lord (Yahweh) of Israel, a covenant keeping God who has committed Himself to the salvation of His people.
- *The LORD is my shepherd.* Now He IS and ever will be at any time I call upon Him, the only Covenant Lord who is my shepherd.
- *The LORD is my shepherd.* He is certainly the Covenant Lord and Savior of His people and unlimited in His power to save, but I confess now that He is MY personal Shepherd who cares for me.
- *The LORD is my shepherd.* Not only is He the Almighty God and Savior, but He saves me not as a Tyrant, but as a loving Shepherd. So I can claim boldly, "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."

### Children's Catechism

Q. Who is the Lord? A. The Lord is my Shepherd.

### Discussion

Have you learned Psalm 23 by heart? If not, can you at least learn the first five words? Which one of these words is most important for you?

### Prayer

Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God, for with Him we pass from sin to the new life of grace. Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of your compassion, and welcome all people to the festive banquet of your table, where we may rejoice in your love and celebrate the inheritance you have given to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FAMILY PRAYER TIME

Leader: Father of Mercies, as Your sons and servants, we boldly approach Your throne of grace in name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who was made like His brethren in all things, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest and is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted . . .

[Leader: Lord, in your mercy...]

Family Response: Hear our prayers.

*The Lord's Prayer* - Cantus Christi p. 411 | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

Closing Hymn: *St. Patrick's Breastplate* - p. 9 below | Cantus Christi p. 350 | [PDF](#) | [MP3](#)

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.  
By Whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

AMEN!

# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704  
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

## Psalm 23

ST. COLUMBA (8 7. 8 7)  
Old Irish hymn melody

Henry W. Baker, 1868

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My  
 3. *Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But*  
 4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill With*  
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine  
 6. And so through all the length of days Thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
*yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der*  
*Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my*  
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port  
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
*gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.*  
*com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.*  
 of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

# The LORD's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

## Psalm 23

CRIMOND (C.M.)

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1871

arr. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

*Scottish Psalter, 1650*

based on Francis Rous, Sir William Mure, and others

1. The LORD's my Shep - herd, I'll not want. He  
 2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet  
 4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall

makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 me to walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 will I fear none ill; For Thou art with me,  
 pres - ence of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me: And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - eous - ness, Ev'n for His own Name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

# I Bind unto Myself Today

## St. Patrick's Breastplate

ST. PATRICK (L.M.D.)  
From an ancient Irish hymn melody  
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

Ascribed to St. Patrick, 372-466  
tr. Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1889

Unison

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name

of the Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

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SUPPLICATION

2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By pow'r of  
 3. I bind un - to my - self the pow'r Of the great  
 4. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues*  
 5. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The pow'r of*  
 6. A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The vice that  
 7. A - gainst all Sa - tan's spells and wiles, A - gainst false

faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the  
 love of Cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in  
*of the star - lit heav - en, The glo - rious sun's life -*  
 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His  
 gives temp - ta - tion force, The na - tural lusts that  
 words of her - e - sy, A - gainst the knowl - edge

Jor - dan riv - er; His death on the Cross for my sal - va - tion;  
 judg - ment hour; The serv - ice of the Ser - a - phim;  
*giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at e - ven,*  
*might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need.*  
 war with - in, The hos - tile men that mar my course;  
 that de - files, A - gainst the heart's i - dol - a - try,

His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; His rid - ing  
 Con - fes - sors' faith, A - pos - tles' word, The Pa - triarchs'  
*The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing*  
*The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to*  
 Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In ev - 'ry  
 A - gainst the wiz - ard's e - vil craft, A - gainst the

up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the day of  
 prayers, the Proph - ets' scrolls, All good deeds done un - to the  
*wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks,* *The sta - ble earth, the deep salt*  
*guide, His shield to ward;* *The word of God to give me*  
 place, and in all hours, A - gainst their fierce hos - til - i -  
 death - wound and the burn - ing, The chok - ing wave, the poi - soned

doom; I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 Lord, And pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
*sea, A - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.*  
*speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.*  
 ty, I bind to me these ho - ly pow'rs.  
 shaft, Pro - tect me, Christ, till Thy re - turning.

DEIRDRE (I.M.)

Part 2

Adapted from an ancient Irish melody

8. Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

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Unison

9. I bind un - to my - self the name, The strong name of the

Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all na - ture

hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word: Praise to the

Lord of my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.