

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**Sentence** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my

own know me. *John 10.14*

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost,*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*The following prayer may be said.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Glory to God**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

**All and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

receive our prayer.  
**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. Amen.**

**Collect**

O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Canticle: 8 Song from Jeremiah**

*Jeremiah 31.10–14*

**Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; \*  
tell it on the far-off shores:  
“He who scattered Israel will gather \*  
and guard them as a shepherd his flock.”  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, \*  
redeemed them from a foe too strong.**

**They will come and sing for joy on Zion’s height, \*  
radiant at the bounty of the Lord:  
the grain, the new wine, the oil, \*  
the young of flock and herd.  
Their life like a watered garden, \*  
they will never want again.**

**Then will maidens show their joy in the dance; \*  
men, young and old, will rejoice.  
I shall turn their mourning into gladness, \*  
give comfort and joy for their sorrow.  
I shall satisfy the priests with abundance, \*  
and fill my people with my bounty.**

## **Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

*Refrain: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want*

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*Refrain: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want*

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Refrain: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want*

The Gospel: The Lord be with you,

Response: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 10:1-10**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a

stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.<sup>7</sup> So

again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.<sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of Christ

## **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Homily**

**Hear, O Israel**

**Hear, O Israel,**

**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart,**

**with all your soul,**

**with all your mind,**

**and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

(As we remain in God’s presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the

Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

116 *Litanies*

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Confession/Absolution*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*John 8.12*

*Leader* Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

692 *Home Prayers*

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

**All Most merciful Father,  
forgive us our sins against you  
and against each other.**

**Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses,  
that we may live in love  
as you would have us live,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*The priest says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

**All 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Collects:

We praise and thank you, O God our Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him you have enlightened us  
by revealing the light that never fades,  
for dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
What was promised is fulfilled:  
we have been joined to God,  
through renewed life in the Spirit of the risen Lord.  
Glory and praise to you, our Father,  
through Jesus your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,  
in the kingdom of light eternal,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

Closing prayer

God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery.

By the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our  
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the  
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you  
may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his  
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and  
ever.

**The Peace**

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