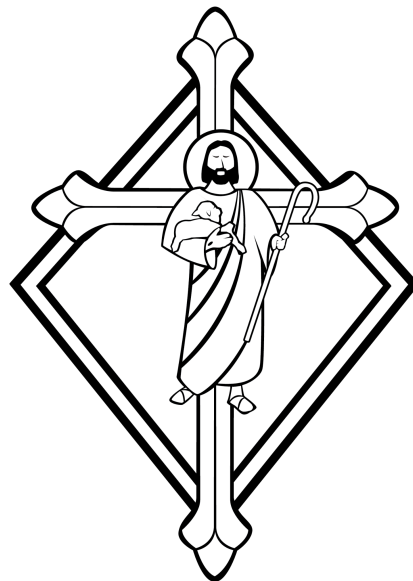


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Easter 3

Theme: Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

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Matins, p. 109

1. A Hymn #356, "The Day of Resurrection" (stand at the last verse)

2. The Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy

law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. The Versicles,

O Lord open my lips.

♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**

Make haste O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever-more. A-men. Alleluia!

4. The Invitatory / Venite

O come, let us worship the Lord. ♪ **For He is our Maker.**

♪ **'Oh come, let us sing to 'the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of 'our salvation. 'Let us come before His presence with thanks-'giving; and make a joyful 'noise to Him with psalms. 'For the LORD is the gre-'at God, And the great 'King above all gods. 'In His hand are the deep places of 'the earth; the strength of the hills is 'His also. 'The sea is His, for He 'made it; And His hands 'form-ed the dry land. 'Oh come, let us worship and b-'ow down; Let us kneel before the 'LORD our Maker. 'For He is 'our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the 'sheep of His hand. 'Glory be to the Father, and to 'the Son, and 'to the Holy Ghost. 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever 'shall be: for-'evermore. Amen.**

6: The Psalmody: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;/ I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;/ He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;/ He leads 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 You are with me;/ Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me/ in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;/ My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;/ And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.

7. The Lection, p. 112

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a

cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord God. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

Epistle: I Peter 2:21-25

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

Gospel: John 10:11-16

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

8. A Hymn: #370, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

9. Sermon Text and Theme: Ezekiel 34:11-16, “The Good Shepherd Gathers His Sheep Into His Fold”

10. An Offering: As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #445:1,2

**♪We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give**

11. The Canticle; #42, “God, We Praise You”

12/13. The Suffrages/Lord's Prayer, p. 140

14. The Collect, p. 118 (at bottom of the page)

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

15. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

16. The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ♪ **Amen.**

17. A Hymn, "Go, My Children"

Go, My children with My blessing,
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing -
You are my own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.

Hear you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,

Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children: I will keep you
And give you peace.

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