

**Opening Hymn**

*TiS 233 I will sing the wondrous story*

I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
how he left his home in glory  
for the cross of Calvary:

**Refrain:**

***Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.***

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me,  
back into the narrow way. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Welcome**

Holy God, Shepherd of Israel, you have chosen us:

**we come to you with love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you laid down your life for the sheep:

**we come to you in faith.**

Spirit of Peace, you bring us together as one flock:

**we come to you in prayer.**

Holy Trinity, one God,

**we come to you in praise.**

**CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION**

Jesus said: I came so that you may have life, and have it abundantly.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*silence*

Confident in God's forgiveness, we pray:

**God our Shepherd,**

**we are lost in the darkness and danger of sin.**

**We are hungry and afraid,**

**and we cannot find our own way home.**

**We are sorry for our sins.**

**Search for us,**

**save us,**

**forgive us,**

**and bring us back to life, we pray,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when the lost are found,  
and there is hope on earth when sinners turn to God in faith.  
Through Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
I declare to you:  
Your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit,  
and keep us in the light of Christ,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### ***Easter 4 Collect Prayer***

#### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2. (42-47)

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*We sing Psalm 23: Tis 10 The Lord's my Shepherd*

1.The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2.My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

3.Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;

For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff my comfort still.

4.My table thou hast furnished me  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5.Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore,  
My dwelling place shall be.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10.1-10)

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

#### ***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

*The response to :* Lord, hear us. *is:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Generous God, you hear our prayers  
**and you provide for us  
all the peace and protection we need.  
Teach us to pray with confidence  
and to trust in your blessings,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn: O Lord, hear my prayer TiS 741*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.

#### ***THE GREETING OF PEACE***

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*We greet one another with a sign of peace*

#### ***THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE***

Living God, Shepherd of your people,  
thank you for gathering your flock  
even though today we are scattered.  
Thank you for the company of all your faithful friends  
to share the story.  
**Send us on the journey of this week  
with your power to protect us  
and your Spirit to inspire us,  
every step of the way.**

May the Good Shepherd bless you  
with strong protection  
and the food you need to make you grow in body, mind and spirit.  
And the blessing of the holy and glorious Trinity  
be yours as well,  
with power to pass these blessings on,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn: TiS 456 Your hand, O God, has guided*

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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