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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd and gate for the sheep, we know that for all the times that we've wandered from your paths we deserve to be punished. We deserve pain in this life and in eternity to come. But, by your grace, you endured the worst of pain on a cross for us. You endured the pain of hell to pay for our sins. And you rose from the dead to guarantee that your work was sufficient. We are forgiven. We are sinless in your sight. Now help us to follow you no matter what the cost. Help us to endure the pain you ask us to suffer for your sake while we rejoice in the peace that your pain and suffering give us. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Shepherd of the Tender Youth* CW756

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth through devious ways,
Christ, our triumphant King, we come your name to sing
and here our children bring to join your praise.**
- 2 You are the holy Lord, Christ, the incarnate Word, healer of strife.
You did yourself abase that from sin's deep disgrace
you might thus save our race and give us life.**
- 3 You are the great High Priest; you have prepared the feast of holy love;
and in our mortal pain none calls on you in vain;
our plea do not disdain; help from above.**
- 4 O ever be our guide, our shepherd and our pride, our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God, by your enduring Word
lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong.**
- 5 So now and till we die sound we your praises high and joyful sing:
infants and all the throng who to your Church belong,
unite to swell the song to Christ, our King!**

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

ANTHEM - 9:30 am

The Lamb

CW525

1 *The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?*

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! (Refrain)

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

2 *The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.*

The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. (Refrain)

3 *The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill*

so still, his will, on our behalf the law to fill. (Refrain)

4 *He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness.*

He lives, forgives, he gives me his own righteousness. (Refrain)

5 *He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.*

His song prolong till ev'ry heart to him belong. (Refrain)

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 23F



1My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah is his
2When I walk through the shades of death, his pres - ence is my
3The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my
name; in pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be - side the liv - ing
stay; one word of his sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a -
days; oh, may his house be my a - bode and all my work be
stream. He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake his
way. His hand, in sight of all my foes, will still my ta - ble
praise. There would I find a set - tled rest while oth - ers go and
ways and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
spread; my cup with bless - ings o - ver-flows; his oil a - noints my head.
come, no more a stran - ger or a guest but like a child at home.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY *The Lord’s My Shepherd*

CW553

- 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.
He leadeth me, 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;
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 me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
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;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

SERMON

1 Peter 2:19-25

Follow Jesus Through the Pain
I. Following Jesus Brings Pain
II. Following Jesus Brings Peace

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated - PRAYER of the CHURCH

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Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially ...].

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially ...]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

OFFERING

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HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW804

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am,
for my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by his angel host attended,
he shall fold me to his breast, there within his arms to rest.

Stand - **PRAYER**

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep* CW551

- 1 Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, who your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.
- 2 In your promise firm we stand, none can take us from your hand;
speak—we hear—at your command, we will follow you.
- 3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.
- 4 Father, draw us to your Son; we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.
- 5 We, in robes of glory dressed, join th' assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.

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