

# **MINSTER PRAISE !**

**11.15      26 JULY 2020**



*Come as you are, relax, and enjoy!*

## **JESUS: THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Andrew Patrick, Lay Worship Leader**

### **OPENING PRAISE: PSALM 100**

**(with Bob Tarring, Lay Worship Leader)**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*(NRSV)*

- **"There is a Redeemer" sung by De Ashton, Lay Worship Leader**

### **WE SAY SORRY FOR OUR WRONGDOINGS**

*Make a fist*

**We are sorry for the times we have been angry with people**

*Point away from yourself with your index finger*

**We are sorry for blaming other people, and criticising them, without admitting when we are wrong**

*Close up your hand & hold it close to your chest*

**We are sorry for when we have been selfish, keeping things for ourselves, and not giving to those who need our help**

*Put your hand over your mouth*

**We are sorry for the wrong things we have said, especially when we have hurt other people**

*Put your hand over your eyes*

**We are sorry when we have chosen not to see the good things we could have done to help others**

*Put your hand over one ear*

**We are sorry for the times we have not listened to the cries of those who are poor or suffer injustice**

*Hold out that same hand, open palm upwards:*

*trace the shape of a cross on that upturned open palm.*

**Lord Jesus, we bring all that we are to you: all our sins and failure to love. Thank you that you died for us on the cross so that we might be forgiven. Help us to start afresh in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## ***"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"***

***John's Gospel Chapter 10 verses 1 – 18, 22 -30***

### ***Jesus is the true shepherd***

Jesus said: "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

### ***Jesus is the way in***

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

## ***Jesus is God***

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not own the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father".

*Cross references: Isaiah 40: 1-11, Ezekiel 34: 11- 16, 23-24.*

## ***Jesus' promises to us***

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly". Jesus answered "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one". (NRSV)

- ***"Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us" sung by De Ashton***

## ***A TIME OF OPEN PRAYER***

***Opened by Mike Dodds, Lay Worship Leader***

*Closing with the prayer Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

## **CLOSING PRAISE: PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even 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 overflows.

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (NIV)**

Now may the God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the Great Shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us complete in everything good so that we may do his will,  
working among us that which is pleasing in his sight,  
through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*Hebrews: 13:20 (NRSV)*

**PLEASE STAY FOR "VIRTUAL COFFEE" !**

**THE NEXT "MINSTER PRAISE" WILL BE ZOOMED AT 11.15 ON SUNDAY 9 AUGUST WHEN WE WILL EXPLORE WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SAID: "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE "**

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