



Sunday 21st April 2024

The Third Sunday after Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

The Good Shepherd

John 10 : 11 - 18

Welcome, Introduction and Banns

Prayer

Words of praise

Praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord;

praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord;

both now and evermore. Amen.

Song : All Through History

This Time Tomorrow

Prayer

Young people go to their groups

Confession

Almighty God, our Father, we come to you with humble hearts, to confess our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives: Father, forgive us,
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you: Father, forgive us,
save us and help us.

For failing you – not only by what we do, but also by our thoughts and words : Father, forgive us,
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us: Father, forgive us,
save us and help us.

For acting as if we were ashamed to belong to your dear Son Jesus: Father, forgive us,
save us and help us.

**Father, we have failed you often,
and humbly ask your forgiveness:**

**help us so to live that others may see your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession
and 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.

**Songs : Psalm 23 (I am not alone)
Reckless Love (Before I spoke a word)**

Bible Reading John 10 : 11 – 18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

Talk : The Good Shepherd

Song : Rescuer

Affirmation

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

**We trust in God the Father,
who has revealed his love and kindness to us,
and in his mercy saved us,
not for any good deed of our own,
but because he is merciful.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin,
and set us apart for himself – a people eager to do good.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit,
whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our Saviour,
so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

Final Prayer and Blessing