

Psalm 23

Note 'The Lord is *my* shepherd' – David knows the Lord of all creation not as a distant higher power, but as his shepherd. He knows this God personally, as the one in whom he can put his trust. David can be at peace, because he can entrust every day, every step, to the one who guides his feet, and leads him along right paths. Sometimes what lies ahead will be tranquil, and full of joy – the green pastures and the still waters; sometimes what lies ahead will be far harder – the darkest valley, even death itself. But wherever that path leads, David declares to God, 'you are with me'. We too can trust God with our life, and with our death, knowing that he is our Good Shepherd. For in Christ, he has walked our path ahead of us, and laid down his life for us, so that we might dwell in his house forever.

The Tabernacle

In the Old Testament the Tabernacle would be the tent of meeting or the tent in which the Ark of the Covenant was stored. In churches, the Tabernacle is where the Blessed Sacrament is stored. It is a locked box placed on an altar. The Tabernacle very often is covered with cloth made in various liturgical colours. Inside the Tabernacle there is a silk curtain behind which the Blessed Sacrament is placed, and the box is lined in white cloth or silk. This is reminiscent of the Jerusalem Temple where the Holy of Holies is found behind the curtain. People genuflect towards the Tabernacle in churches in honour of the presence of Jesus.

As we say in the Divine Praises:

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Sunday 26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 10: 1 – 10



In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus speaks of intimacy with His flock; He is bound to them and they to Him in the closest relationship: He 'knows' them, they 'follow' Him. It is a relationship of safety and closeness.

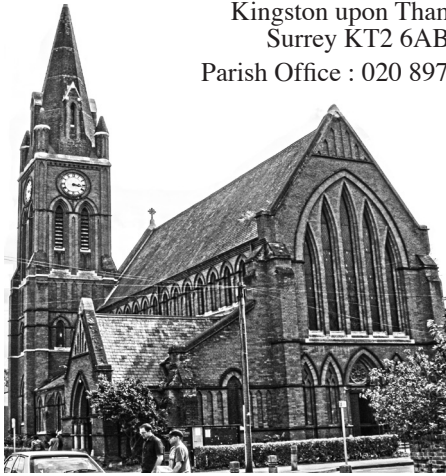
The imagery of shepherd and sheep speaks profoundly to the Church of the in-dwelling intimacy of the Father and the Son in the love they share, which is the Holy Spirit. As the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity each live for and in the other in the ecstasy of divine self-giving, and so the Church intimately partakes of Trinitarian Love through her union with Christ, the Good Shepherd.

By laying down his life for the sheep, the Good Shepherd has opened up the very heart of God to those who wish to share in Trinitarian Life through the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising as it is experienced in the life of the Church.

What the Good Shepherd has won for his flock is fullest participation in the very life of God.

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

8.00am Mass Tuesday/ Thursday & Friday
9.00am Mass Wednesday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 27th April : Feria of 4th Wk of Easter
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1-10 or John 10:1-10

TUESDAY 28th April : Feria of 4th Wk of Easter
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1,3-7; John 10:22-30
8.00am - Mass

WEDNESDAY 29th April : St Catherine of Siena
1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 103(102):1-9, 13-14, 17-18a; Matthew 11:25-30
9.00am - Mass

THURSDAY 30th April : Feria of 4th of Easter
Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25 & 27; John 13:16-20
8.00am - Mass

FRIDAY 1st May : Feria of 4th of Easter
Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; John 14:1-6
8.00am - Mass
11.00am to 2.00pm Tea & Treats - Swinerton Hall

SATURDAY 2nd May : Feria of 4th Wk of Easter
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; John 14:7-14

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84180162383?pwd=Q2lYdXFU TW5iaVc4Nm dBZ0l4alZxUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6111 3281

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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul;

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Patrick, Christine West, Heather Stone, Jean Browning, Bethan, Jacki Lambert, Marjorie Ransom and Joyce Canning

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Gordon Mott

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Frank Winderbank (Priest)

TUESDAY: Sarah Wright, Elizabeth Oxborrow, Leslie Birdseye

WEDNESDAY: Leonard Kitchener

THURSDAY: Beatrice Wilcox, Jenny Wade

FRIDAY: Gwendoline Lowrie, Fr Gerwyn James

SATURDAY: Leonard Paice

and reigns for ever and ever. glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

FINAL HYMN

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**Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!**

**The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!**

We follow the old tradition of singing the Regina Caeli during Eastertide in place of the Angelus:

All: **Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

v. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. **For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The priest sings the Collect, and the people respond: Amen

ORGAN MUSIC

March for a Church Festival - E Batiste



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTORY RITES

We welcome baptised and communicant members of other Christian Churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here, or to come forward, holding this pew sheet, to receive a Blessing.

MASS MUSIC SETTING

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Adoration (Sonate Pascale) - J Lemmens

ENTRANCE HYMN

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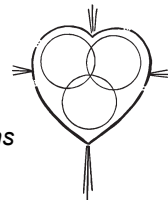
**THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**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.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

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

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**



ANTIPHON

Priest: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT FOR EASTERTIDE

Blessing & sprinkling with holy water

The following rite of sprinkling the water Holy Water is a penitential rite. We are reminded as the priest sprinkles us with the water; that at our Baptism when we became members of the church we were born again in the waters of baptism and assured of God's forgiveness. As we are sprinkled it is normal to make the sign of the cross as a reminder that it is through the cross of Christ that we are cleansed of our sin.

Priest: Dear friends,
this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.
Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Priest: God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life
We ask you now to bless this water, and to give us your protection on this day which you have made your own. Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body, that we

may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while the *Vidi Aquam* is sung:*

Antiphon: I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say .. alleluya, alleluya

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



COLLECT

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, Alleluia.

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd - S S Wesley 1810-1876

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

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**Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest those that on thee call,
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesu, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walks with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The People STAND

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation:
but deliver us from evil.**

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 (23)

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20b-25

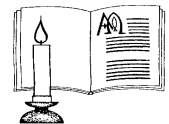
A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

v. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep, and mine know me.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT*

NICENE CREED *The people STAND*

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers:

People: **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*During the hymn the Offerings are presented at the altar
and a collection that will be taken*

The people STAND,



OFFERTORY HYMN

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find
delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal
constantly at work within us may be the cause of our
unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at
all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but at this time above all
to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover
has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken
away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our
death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome
with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your
praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic
hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as
they acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

