

Sunday 3rd May 2020

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use as you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you

Opening Prayer

Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd'.
Lord, help me to listen for his voice
offering comfort and safety.

Hymn: 136 (H&P) I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

Let us pray

Glory to God, creator of heaven and
earth, who has made all things living.
Glory to God, Father of all mercies,
who has given his only begotten Son
to be our Saviour and Redeemer.
Glory to God, fire of holy love, who
for our sanctification has poured forth
his life-giving Spirit.

John Hamilton (1512-1571)

Reading: Psalm 23

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Read Rev. Ken's Sermon

[Take a time to sit quietly and consider
whose voice influences me most. How
do I know which is the voice of the
Good Shepherd?](#)

Hymn: 43 (H&P) The God of love my Shepherd is

A time of prayer..

Let us pray for our world in crisis,
a crisis that has brought out the best
and the worst in humanity:

We give thanks for those who are
offering help in so many ways to those
in need;
and pray for those who in their fear
acted less generously.

We give thanks for all the 'key
workers' who have worked tirelessly
in medical and care sectors;
Local Authority and community

teams; production and distribution;
and pray for those now idle, anxious,
and depressed due to the closures.

We give thanks for positive voices,
encouraging and nurturing others in so
many ways;
and pray for those whose voices bring
'fake' advice and false testimony.

Good Shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied;
heal us and we shall be made whole'
and lead us, that we may be with you;
for you are alive and reign,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen;

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter
from Methodist Worship book.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

***Hymn: 47 (H&P) What shall I dome
God to love,***

Offertory:

Heavenly Father we thank you you
provide for our needs and lead us to
green pastures ad still waters and
restore our souls. May what we offer
you as we give our lives and all that
we have and are for you service, may
you be glorified, for your names sake
we pray. Amen

A prayer of blessing

I come into your sheep-fold this day,
to find the rest I need. When the new
day comes, I will follow you through
green pastures and beside still
waters. May your goodness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life.

Amen. Original Materials by Pamela Cram