



Benediction:

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace,

who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,

make us ready to do His will in every good thing,

through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

—based on Hebrews 13:20-21

A thought about worship...

“Throughout church history, God’s initiative in grace has always been accompanied by tangible and concrete signs. . . . The significance of a sign is that it is a visible means through which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed. All signs are rooted in the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ as their ultimate point of reference. . . . Both the Bible and the Communion Table are means of proclaiming Christ.”

Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 66, 70.)



The Good Shepherd, Jasper Francis Cropsey, 1855

Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Sunday mornings at The Carmichael Chapel, 4600 Winding Way
(Corner of Winding Way and Pasadena), Sacramento, CA 95841.
Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

May 15, 2011 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

and His courts with praise;

give thanks to Him and bless His name.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

– Psalm 100



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I Call You Faithful

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
You are so faithful to me.
I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

2. Holy
3. Awesome
4. Healer
5. Jireh

I call You all that, Lord, You are all that;
Lord, You are all that to me.
I call you all that, Lord, You are all that;
All that You are, and all that You'll be.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
(Repeat)

For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand,
Yes, the sheep of His hand.

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Little Narrow Gate (solo)

There's a little narrow gate at the top of a hill,
And it beckons my heart to enter in
And follow where it will.
And the path that leads through this gate of dreams
Takes me away.

With the wind at my back, the journey before me;
I set my feet on the road that leads to life,
And take the hand of the One who'll be my companion.
For He will show me the place to begin. (It's through the)

There's a little narrow gate at the top of a hill,
And it beckons my heart to enter in
And do my Father's will.
And the path that leads through this gate of dreams
Takes me away.

All of my life I've been waiting;
Could this be the place I can start?

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

With Burning Hearts

With yearning hearts, we came today to worship;
With yearning hearts, we've seen Him in His power.
We've heard His voice, we've broken bread;
Our eyes are opened wide.
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy;
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy.

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THE WORD

John 10:1-10
Psalm 23
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen.

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The Shepherd, Tim Wang, Contemporary



PROFESSION OF FAITH

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the 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 have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

– Psalm 23

I Call You Faithful (reprise)

I call You Shepherd; Lord, You're my Shepherd;

You're the Good Shepherd to me.

I call You Shepherd; Lord, You're my Shepherd;

Shepherd You are, and Shepherd You'll be.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

– 1 Peter 2:24-25

[Silent Confessions]



Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said,
I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
John 10:11, 14-15, 27-28

TIME OF OFFERING

Leader: Loving Shepherd, as we joyfully worship You in offering,
we give You thanks:

People (refrain): **With grateful hearts, in joyful worship,
we bring Your tithes and our offerings.**

Loving Shepherd, we give You thanks for Your leading ... (Refrain)

... for Your protection... (Refrain)

... for Your sure provisions... (Refrain)

... for Your comfort ... (Refrain)

... for Your refreshing ... (Refrain)

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.

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