

## **THE GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **The president introduces the celebration**

Jesus is the good Shepherd who knows his flock is looking to expand it by bringing in other sheep who recognize his call, and is prepared to die so that the flock may remain secure. Jesus compares this calling with a hired hand who is only shepherding for the money and lacks loyalty, running away at the first sign of danger. Under the hired hand the flock is in danger. Under the Good Shepherd the sheep bask in the reflected love of God.

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

So let us worship celebrating the love of God and praise God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is through Christ's death and resurrection that we receive eternal life. Let us praise him!

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

## **CALL TO CONFESION**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Let us come before God to inwardly confess our faults and admit to our frailty and be confident in God's promise of forgiveness

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON & ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the father. **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

CHOIR led      **654** 'The Lord is my Shepherd'

## **THE READING**

At the beginning the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John chapter 10  
vv. 11 to 18

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord      ALL : **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

## **THE CREED**

We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family In heaven and in earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, Who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love,  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who strengthens us  
With power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

## **THE INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy      ALL: **Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God      ALL: **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

## **THE LORDS PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
**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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

## **THE BLESSING**

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you  
and all who hear his voice to be one within the fold; and the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all now and for  
ever.

All: **Amen. He is risen! Alleluia!**

President: He is risen indeed. Alleluiah