

Acle and Bure to Yare Benefice

Prayer on a Page:

4th Sunday of Easter

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An accompanying reading sheet and resources are at www.abychurches.co.uk/prayer/

¶ Preparation

Christ is the life that knows no end.
Christ is the love that burns within.
Christ is the peace that floods the world

Alleluia: Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

[Full hymn on page 2 and website]

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.

His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Silent prayer

Collect

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.

¶ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2.42-end

Psalm 23

Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10

Time for Reflection

Acclamation

Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without
spot or stain.

Through Christ we have confidence in
God, who raised him from the dead and
gave him glory, so that our faith and
hope are set on God.

¶ Prayers

Penitence

We pray to our most merciful Father.

We have erred and strayed from thy
ways like lost sheep.

Lord, have mercy.

We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.

Christ, have mercy.

We have left undone those things which
we ought to have done.

Lord, have mercy.

Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.

Intercession

We pray to Jesus
who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel
to the nations.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry
and nourish us all with your word.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us
and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your
life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the
injured, strengthen the sick and lead the
healthy and strong to new pastures.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have
lived and believed in you:

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us;
accept our prayers,
and be with us always.

The Lord's Prayer

¶ Conclusion

May Christ the good shepherd
enfold us with love,
fill us with peace,
and lead us in hope,
to the end of our days.

In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free,
my Saviour has my treasure,
and He will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Waring

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me,
and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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