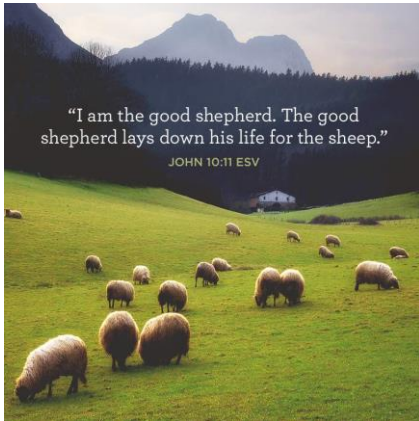


Prayer and worship at home



4th Sunday of Easter, 2021

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Act of Penitence

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.

Lord Jesus, like a shepherd you find us when we are lost.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you forgive us for the times we have strayed into danger.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring us back to safety and feed us with the bread from heaven.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Special Prayer for this week

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.**

The Word of the Lord

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John,* and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners* stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,* whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus* is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."*

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

The Holy Gospel | John 10. 11-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. IFor this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

*(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words,
or be prompted by the words here)*

*We pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for the Diocese of Blackburn and for Julian, Philip and
Jill our bishops...*

*We continue to give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus
Christ and for the hope and light He brings into the
world...*

We pray for the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group...

*We pray for all living with Covid-19... for those caring
for them and for all who are anxious or worried...*

*We pray for our NHS and all doctors and nurses...
We remember those who have died in recent days, and
all whom we love but see no longer... may they rest for
ever in the light and peace of Christ.*

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven....

or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

We conclude our prayers

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

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He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

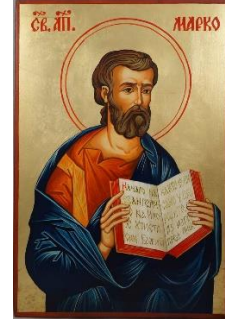
Readings for the coming week:

Monday - St. Mark the Evangelist

Acts 15. 35-41

Psalm 119:9-16

Mark 13. 5-13



Tuesday Psalm 139

John 10.22-30

Wednesday Psalm 67

John 12.44-end

Thursday Psalm 118

John 17.12-end

Friday Psalm 33

John 14.1-6

Saturday – St. Philip and St. James

Isaiah 30.15-21

Psalm 119. 1-8

Ephesians 1.3-10

John 14.1-14

