

CROSSLACON PARISH
A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER
Supplementary Worship sheet

CALL TO WORSHIP

We will use the opening responses on the supplementary worship sheet:

(Oh Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, O Christ
Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia)

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Opening Prayer

On Supplementary Sheet
(Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us
from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.)

A HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

Chorus

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Chorus

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A PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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 anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

The PSALM PRAYER

O God,
Our sovereign and shepherd,
Who brought again your Son Jesus Christ,
From the valley of death,

**Comfort us with your comforting presence
and your goodness and love,
That we also may come home
and dwell within your house forever.
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 4:5-12

The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, 6 along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. 7 They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, 9 are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? 10 If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! 12 Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

The is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know

the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Ending with the 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,
Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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