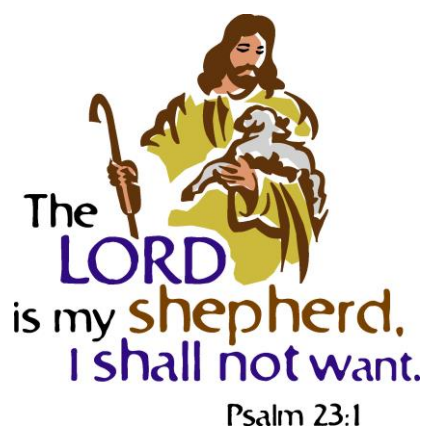


# St. Peter's Cathedral North Adelaide



## A Taizé style service of Trust and Hope

**Saturday 2 May 2020  
7:30pm**

*Welcome to this service of reflective prayer. The words and songs of this service move in and out of an underlying silence. There will be a period of silence suggested between sections of the service. We are seated throughout the liturgy in order to maintain a sense of stillness in the midst of the relentless activity of our lives.*

*This service has been adapted for our period of isolation.*

### **Introduction**

This weekend we are reflecting on one of the very significant “I am” statements of Jesus; “I am the Good Shepherd”. The reading tonight speaks of the enormous sacrifice Jesus chose to make because of his undying love for us, individually and communally and his promise to remain close to us.

When we think about a shepherd, we think about one who watches over, looks after, guides and protects the sheep entrusted to the shepherd’s care.

In this challenging time of a viral pandemic, we are never alone. The Good Shepherd is with us, watching over us, calling us to stay close to him. He is willing and wanting to guide scientists, doctors, nurses, our nation’s leaders, economists and advisors, and indeed every one of us. We need only to be open to listening to his voice and trusting in his power to protect us now and for whatever lies ahead.

There are many uncertainties concerning the future. Many people are experiencing, in their own way, times of anxiety, depression, or a sense of hopelessness. This is quite normal in such a time of upheaval, loss and insecurity.

Yet if we can abandon our hearts minds and souls into the loving care, guidance and protection of the Good Shepherd, we will find a love stronger than our fear, a hope stronger than our despair and a steadfast confidence that, as in the words of Julian of Norwich, “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”

### **The Lighting of the Candles**

L. Come to us this night O God,

**R. Come to us with light.**

L. Speak to us this night O God,

**R. Speak to us your truth**

L. Dwell with us this night O God,

**R. Dwell with us in Love**

**Song** (Taizé)    Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God’s holy name  
                          Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life

**Reading**        Gospel of St. John 10:11-18 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me —

<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**Music for reflection** (*composed and played by Rachel Bruerville*)

## **Intercessions**

Loving Shepherd, We give thanks that you have drawn us into your fold. We give thanks that we can trust your promise to watch over us in times of trial, danger and insecurity.

Give us, we pray, the desire and strength to abandon ourselves into the safety of your strong protection and the calm of your enfolding love.

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. (The Church of England)

## **Song (Taizé)**

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I cry, come to me  
O lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

## **Concluding Prayer**

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you:  
Deep peace of Christ. (Scots Celtic Prayer)

## **Song** Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where charity and love are found, God is there) (Taizé)

## Notices

Through the time that we are unable to meet together the Cathedral staff continues to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for the ministry of the Cathedral to parishioners, neighbours and the community at this time as well as for each other.

At 8.00am every morning one of the Cathedral bells rings – a reminder to passers-by and neighbours that God loves them, and that we are not alone.

We are not without hope as we put our trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd. We really look forward to when we can gather together again. God bless you all.

Please keep in touch with the Cathedral through our online inspirational talks, worship, music and events during the next few months. Go to the website <http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/community/sign-up-to-news/> and subscribe to the E-newsletter. Also keep watching for updates on the St Peters Cathedral Adelaide Facebook page.

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