



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

*The King of love my shepherd is vs. 1, 3, 6*

*(The crucifer / acolyte and second teacher light candles as children sing song)*

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*Leader:*

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### **Collect for Purity:**

*Leader:* Now is a time to calm our bodies, collect our thoughts, and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. Amen.**

#### **Collect of the Day:**

*Leader:* Thank you, Jesus, for giving us stories that show us that you love us. **Amen.**

#### **The Lesson: All sit.**

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 15:1-10

Telling stories was Jesus' favorite way to teach people about God. "once there was a shepherd who had 100 sheep," Jesus said. "He loved them all—the big ones and he little ones, the good ones and the naughty ones. They were his sheep and he loved them. "Every day this shepherd counted his sheep to make sure they were all safe. One day he counted only 99 sheep! Oh no! One was missing! Right away, the shepherd left the 99 sheep together and went to look for the one that was lost. "The shepherd listened for the lost sheep to 'B-a-a.' He looked in all the places that sheep might get stuck or in trouble. It took awhile, but the shepherd kept looking until he found the missing one! Then he called to all of his friends and neighbors. 'Come on over!' he cried. 'I found my sheep! Let's have a party!'" Jesus loved telling stories like this about something being lost and then found. "I have another story," Jesus said. "Once there was a woman who had saved up 10 little silver coins. One day when she was counting them, she discovered that she had lost one. What do you think she did? Did she think to herself 'Oh well—I've still got nine, so who cares if one is lost?' "no, she did not! She lit her lamp and swept the house from top to bottom. She looked under and over and around everything in her house until she found that lost coin! Oh, she was so happy she had a party to celebrate. "God is like this shepherd and this woman, you know," Jesus said. "God would never stop looking for someone who was lost."

*Leader:* (After the Reading) The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**A Teaching** *(Officiant speaks 2-3 minutes)*

**Children's Creed:** *All stand, children repeat each line after the leader.*

*All:*       **We believe in God,  
                  who made us and everything.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
                  who is God's son.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                  who helps us grow. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People:** *All kneel.*

*Leader:* We pray for our clergy: Dean Beverly, and Father Eric, and everyone in the church.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for the leaders of the world, so we can live in peace.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for our families, that your love may fill our hearts.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and we give thanks for those who help them.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*All:*       **Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.**

**Confession:** *Remain kneeling and repeat each line after the leader.*

*All:*       **Forgive us Lord,  
                  for the things we have done  
                  that were not kind and good.  
Forgive us Lord, and help us try  
                  to do the things that we should. Amen.**

*Leader:* Thank you God for hearing us. We know that you forgive us.

We know that Jesus loves us. We know that the Holy Spirit keeps us in God's care. **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer** *Children repeat each line after the leader.*

*All:*       **Oh, Lord Jesus, I praise you this day.  
I give myself to you this day.  
I ask you to help me this day. Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Leader:* We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:*       **And also with you.**

*At this time Sunday School activity occurs.*

*Children are walked to the undercroft for art activity.*

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our  
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*