



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Children's Liturgy  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Jesus the Good Shepherd  
April 3, 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:**

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*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 John.

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John 10:7-16

So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; he will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness. "I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd."

*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.*

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*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.*