



Morning Worship

3rd May 2020

The 4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

YouTube links for Worship Chant. You may find it really helpful to find some music as you worship today. You may have to skip ads

- Modern: The Same Love by Paul Baloche
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyRzIEVp0uc>
- Modern: Reckless Love by Corey Asbury
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE&list=RDSsc6SSHuZvQE&start_radio=1&t=0
- Traditional: Rutter's 'The Lord is my Shepherd'
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8f_0NgsWzfA
- Semi modern: Stuart Townend's 'The Lord's My Shepherd'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>
- Gregorian Chant: Ego sum pastor bonus
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIRQqPdDKf8>

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.**

**6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever.

Scripture Reading

John Chapter 10:1-10

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Sermon

- Jesus the Good Shepherd, Risen Lord and Giver of Life is the one who sets and resets our life course and direction. Last 3 Sundays readings.
- **John Chapter 20: Mary on the day of resurrection. Thomas and the disciples in the Upper Room.**
- **Luke Chapter 24: The 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus.**
- **Acts Chapter 9: Paul on the road to Damascus.**
- **You and me on our life journey.**

Jesus the Good Shepherd

- Leads us to a place of reorientation in our lives
- Who am I? Where am I? Where am I going?

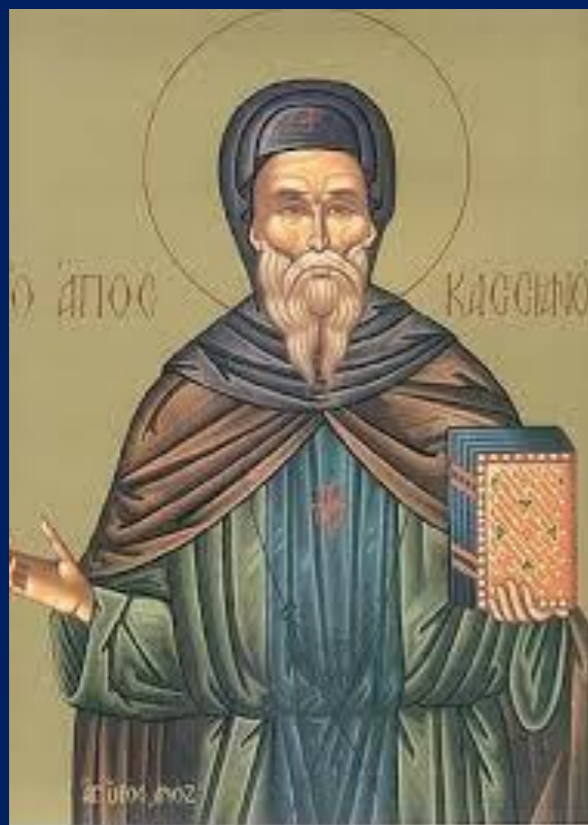
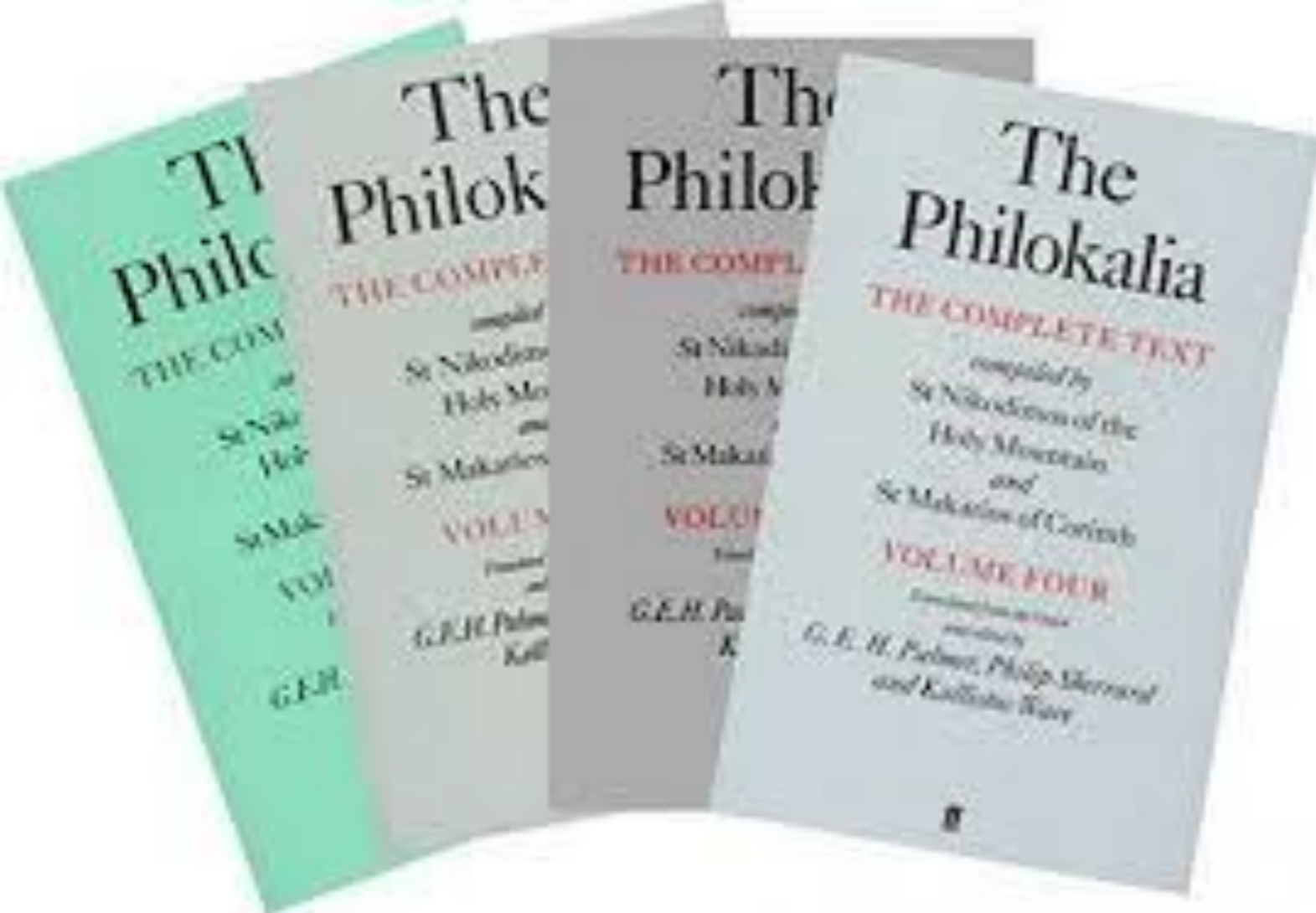




**Jesus, the Good
Shepherd.
Catacomb of
Callixtus/Callisto**

Jesus the Good Shepherd

- Leads us from indiscriminate random acts to wise discernment



St John Cassian
Late 4th/early 5th
Century
Monk

St John of Damascus
8th Century Monk and
Priest

Writings on
Discernment

Jesus the Good Shepherd

- Leads us from unawareness to appreciation of what's truly important and life giving



Jesus, the Good Shepherd...

Re-orientates our lives

Leads to wise discernment

**Leads us to appreciation...
and into life**

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Canticle: A Song of Christ's Glory

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

**1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, •
but he did not cling to equality with God.**

**2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, •
and was born in our human likeness.**

**3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, •
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

**4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, •
and bestowed on him the name above every name,**

**5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, •
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;**

**6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, •
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2.5-11

**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.**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Prayer

Intercessions are offered:

Let us lift before God the concerns
and the people he has laid on our hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord...

The Collect/Prayer for today and 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing...

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Coffee time on Zoom at 11.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83002388238?pwd=WTgzRElWdUNSaG41SjQzbHF5ZExNdz09>

The link for this is also on the
Facebook Group page, Weekly
Briefing and Parish Website

- **Purpose of John's Gospel is to show that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in him you have eternal life.**
- **7 'I AM' statements** e.g. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), I am the Light of the gate/door (John 10:8).
- **7 Confessions of faith** e.g. Thomas' "My Lord my God." John 20:28 or Martha's "You are the Christ, the Son of God." John 11:27
- **7 Signs** e.g. water into wine (John 2:1-11) or feeding of 5,000 (John 6:1-14)
- **All these things are recorded in John so that we might put our faith in Jesus the man who is God.**