

Acle and Bure to Yare Benefice

## **Prayer on a Page:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**

An accompanying reading sheet and resources are at [www.abychurches.co.uk/prayer/](http://www.abychurches.co.uk/prayer/)

### ¶ Preparation

Christ is the life that knows no end.  
Christ is the love that burns within.  
Christ is the peace that floods the world

Alleluia: Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*[Full hymn on page 2 and website]*

Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

*Silent prayer*

### **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.

### ¶ Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Acts 2.42-end

**Psalm 23**

**Gospel Reading:** John 10.1-10

*Time for Reflection*

### **Acclamation**

Blessed be the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without  
spot or stain.

Through Christ we have confidence in  
God, who raised him from the dead and  
gave him glory, so that our faith and  
hope are set on God.

### ¶ Prayers

#### **Penitence**

We pray to our most merciful Father.

We have erred and strayed from thy  
ways like lost sheep.

Lord, have mercy.

We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.

Christ, have mercy.

We have left undone those things which  
we ought to have done.

Lord, have mercy.

Spare thou them, O God,  
which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto  
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.

### **Intercession**

We pray to Jesus  
who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel  
to the nations.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry  
and nourish us all with your word.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us  
and all who follow you in the way.  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your  
life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler, bind up the  
injured, strengthen the sick and lead the  
healthy and strong to new pastures.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have  
lived and believed in you:

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us;  
accept our prayers,  
and be with us always.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### ¶ Conclusion

May Christ the good shepherd  
enfold us with love,  
fill us with peace,  
and lead us in hope,  
to the end of our days.

In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid,  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where the dark clouds have been.  
My hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free,  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and He will walk with me.

*Anna Laetitia Waring*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me,  
and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

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