

Sunday 3rd April 2020 Recorded (COVID) Easter 4

Praise, Prayer and Proclamation (APBA P35)

The Sentence for today is from John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd," says the Lord. "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for His sheep."

The Prayer of the Week

*God of all power, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Help us to know him and to follow Him where-ever He leads.
Amen*

Thank you for the reminder today that we are called to love one another to live in relationships that are caring and supportive of one another. Gracious God, you care for us...

*Hear the cry of those who are in need;
for justice, dignity, for freedom, and love.*

Lead them into your haven of peace and rest.

Hear the cry of those who are alone;

*Help us all to keep safe, as we isolate in these challenging times,
help those who grieve broken relationships, broken by death or
human failing, those who live in the isolation of a hospital room, a
prison cell, a frail body, a confused mind.*

Breathe new life into them and lead us all in your ways.

*Lord we pray for a just and caring use of your creation;
a fair sharing of its abundance.*

You are with us, You comfort us,
even when the darkness of the world looms large.

We pray for those who seek the truth;

*those who cannot speak, and those who cannot be heard,
that the light of your Word
may shine in the darkness which overshadows their lives*

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In the face of those who trouble me
you provide for me, and pour out your blessings.

*Hear the cry of those trampled by racial or religious intolerance,
disoriented by homelessness, fearful in domestic violence homes or
feeling defeated by unemployment;*

God of justice and compassion you are always with us
and have promised to sustain us all our days.

*Enlarge our vision of life, and make us bold in our hope,
Lord our God, help us to run the race of perseverance, in Jesus name
we pray. Amen.*