

## Scots Kirk Lausanne

### Order of Service for Sunday 21st April 2024

#### Opening Responses/Call to Worship

Awaken from Your slumber, and bring Your fears and anxieties into the presence of the Lord our God. Hear the call of our Shepherd, and allow His voice to lead from selfish ambition to the feast of grace. May the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives and restore us for the service of the Lord.

**Come let us worship God.**

**Amen**

**Hymn: Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (tune *Buckland*) all verses**

*Please stand if you are able to do so*

#### Prayer of Approach based on Psalm 23

Come, walk in green pastures.

**We follow the Shepherd.**

Come, lie down in green pastures.

**We trust the Shepherd.**

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

**We are fed by the Shepherd.**

Come, dwell in God's house.

**We live in the Shepherd's care.**

#### All ages theme

Lord's Prayer (version on screen)

**Hymn: 14 The Lord's my shepherd (tune *Crimond*) all verses**

Reading: Psalm 23 (Message translation)

GOD, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,

you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath

and send me in the right direction.

<sup>4</sup> Even when the way goes through

Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.

<sup>5</sup> You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.

<sup>6</sup> Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of GOD  
for the rest of my life.

### Prayer of Confession

Lord hear our prayer

for we know that we have failed to live as those who know the light of heaven in our lives.

**Restore us, O God,**

Lord hear our prayer for ignoring Your anger at worldly injustice  
and allowing the hungry to go unfed, the naked to be unclothed,  
the rejected to be ignored.

**Restore us, O God,**

Lord hear our prayer when from the depths of our own anger  
we have spoken of our hurt  
in harsh and cruel tones.

**Restore us, O God**

In the saving light of Your presence,

Lord God Almighty,

You set our roots,

that we may grow in the depths of Your love,

assured of Your forgiveness

offered in the life of Christ.

Amen.

Reading 2: John 10.11-18

**Hymn: 461 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (*tune St Peter*) vv. 1, 2, 4**

### **Message**

Music for Reflection

**Hymn: 462 The King of Love my Shepherd is (*tune Dominus regit me*) vv. 1, 2, 3**

**Prayers for the world (led by a member of the congregation)**

**Offering and Sung Dedication (on screen)**

### **News and Notices**

**Hymn: 530 One more step along the world I go (*tune Southcote*) vv. 1, 3, 5**

**Sung Blessing**

**Threefold Sung Amen.**

### **Thought for the Week**

When danger, threat and misery threaten our existence, comfort is found in the presence of God in our lives. Are we willing to completely trust him?

### **Prayer Pointers**

Bring Your fears and anxieties into the presence of the Lord our God.

Pray for God's grace and mercy to reach into the dark recesses and corners of this world where people feel the need to be led to safety.

Praise God for the many ways in he reveals his presence in your life.

## **Words for hymn, Loving Shepherd of your sheep**

1 Loving Shepherd of your sheep,  
all your lambs in safety keep;  
nothing can your power withstand,  
none can pluck them from your hand.

2 May they praise you ev'ry day,  
gladly all your will obey,  
like your blessed ones above,  
happy in your precious love.

3 Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach your lambs your voice to hear;  
suffer not their steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.

4 Where you lead them may they go,  
walking in your steps below;  
then, before your Father's throne,  
Saviour, claim them for your own.