

I am the Good Shepherd  
I know my sheep  
And My sheep know Me



My sheep listen to my voice  
I know them, and they follow me  
I give them eternal life,  
And they shall never perish;  
No one can snatch them out of my hand.  
John 10:14, 27-28 NIV

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# A CELEBRATION OF ETERNAL LIFE IN JESUS

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of The Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: AMEN.

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism Dolores was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

## PRAYER

O God of grace and mercy, we give You thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Dolores and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

## FIRST READING

Psalm 121 NIV

- I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
<sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup> the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.

**SECOND READING**      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV

Brothers, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**THIRD READING**      John 14:1-3 NIV

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **SERMON**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: 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 THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."  
*John 11:25-26 NIV*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with His favor and give you peace.

**C: AMEN.**