

# ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

## 25 April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Good Shepherd Sunday

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcrS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>

(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

**PRELUDE:** "Christ Is Risen" Georgian Orthodox Chant (Virtual Choir)

**Watchword for the Week** (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

**WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES** (responses in bold-face italics)

Christ has risen, ***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

We gather to worship the risen Christ, Conqueror of death.

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

We lift up praise to the risen Christ, Redeemer of all life.

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

We give thanks to the risen Christ, Giver of the Holy Spirit.

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

Christ has risen, ***Christ is risen indeed!***

**HYMN** *Here in this place / Gather us in* (Church Hymnary 623)

- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in – the blind and the lame:  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young – our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,

called to be light for the whole human race.

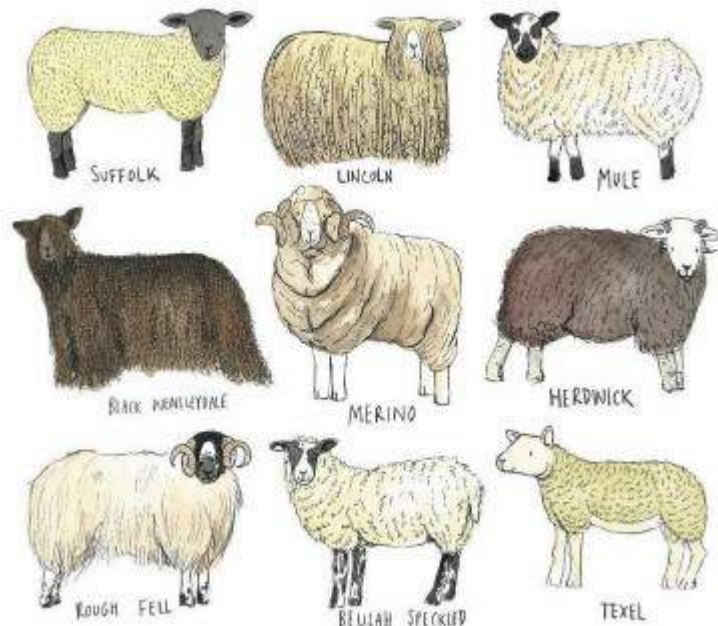
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this space new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**OPENING PRAYER** from the Armenian Prayer Book of St. Gregory of Narek

### **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

Our liberator, rescuer, saviour, deliverer,  
who comforts, consoles and pardons us,  
proclaims peace among us: ***Peace be with you!***



**CHILDREN'S**

**TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 10:11-18 (GNB New Testament, page 131)

“I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. <sup>14-15</sup> I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. <sup>16</sup> There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do.”

**RESPONSE** The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

**HYMN** *The Lord's my Shepherd* (Church Hymnary 14) Tune: Crimond

- 1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green:  
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again  
and me to walk doth make within the paths  
of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea. Though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet shall I fear none ill, for thou art with me  
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes; my head thou dost  
with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me: and in God's house  
for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

**REFLECTION** Other sheep? Well, I don't know! (Revd James Brown)

**HYMN** *Halle-halle-halle-lu-u-jah!* (Church Hymnary 345)

*Halle-halle-halle-lu-u-jah! Halle-halle-halle-lu-u-jah!  
Halle-halle-halle-lu-u-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!*

- 1 O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.  
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- 2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them, they follow me.  
I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Walk in the light of life.  
All who follow my words shall have life indeed;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 4 Now Christ is raised up from death. He will never die again.  
All who follow his way shall have life in him:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### **NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

Response: God of goodness and mercy,  
***hear our prayer.***

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Please pray in your preferred language / version.)

***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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **HYMN** *In Christ there is no east or west* (Church Hymnary 624)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no north or south,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
- 3 Come, brothers, sisters of the faith whate'er your race may be:  
whoever does my Father's will is surely kin to me.

[Original texts to verse 3 as on video:]

[In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek and neither slave nor free;  
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.]

- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

### **BLESSING** (spoken together)

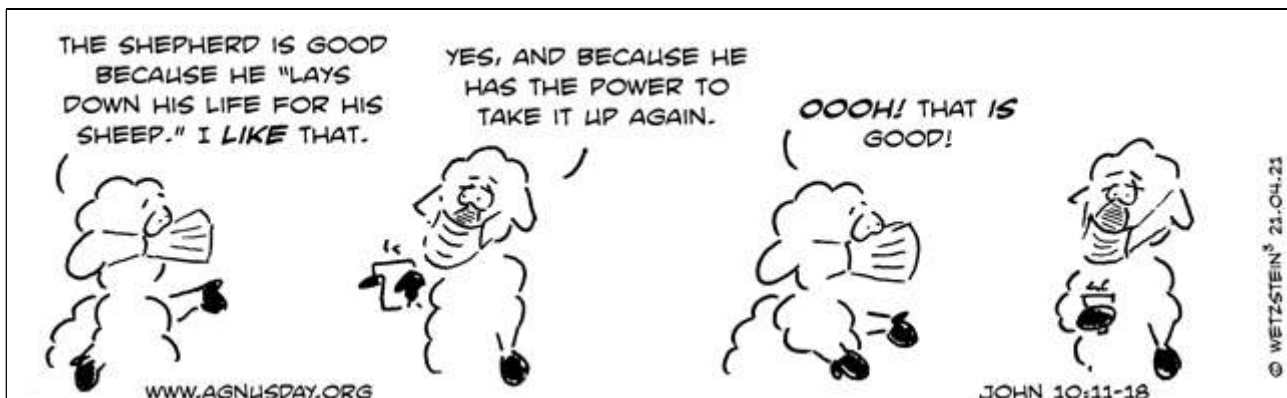
***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.***

### **POSTLUDE:** "Laçin" Azerbaijani Folk Song, ANNA RF & Imamyar Hasanov (Kamancha)

## NOTICES

Welcome to our digital English-language worship from Bochum, Germany, on the digital platform Zoom! We go live every Sunday at ca. 12:15 hrs CET for a 12:30 hrs start. Meeting ID: **814 8465 3256**, Passcode: **947371**.

- For **data protection** reasons, please don't record any part of worship. Hymn and reflection videos will be posted for viewing on the ECC website ([ecc-bochum.de](http://ecc-bochum.de)).
- The new **online Bible study** *Sing and Study* continues on **Tuesday 27 April** at 19:00 hrs with a session on Hymn 251 (I, the Lord of sea and sky) led by Pastor Bob Haworth. Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1296 9022, Passcode: 051157  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88212969022?pwd=TWxWM3UrSkd5YzF0QIM1UWd3T3k5QT09>
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuewe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org)
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**: focuses on Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Please keep these countries and their people on your prayers:  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/armenia-azerbaijan-georgia>
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including the UCC, the Church of Scotland and others, are on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>



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# CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE

## Jesus the Good Shepherd

A good shepherd cares very much for each sheep in its care, and will do anything to keep the sheep safe. No one makes the shepherd do this. The shepherd does it out of love. As you decorate the picture, think about the many ways Jesus showed love.

**ACTIVITY**



More children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>