

11. Jesus, the Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” (John 10:27–30)

“The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me. Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalm 23:1–6)

“You, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” (Matthew 2:6)

Come Into His Presence with Singing

While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground. The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," he said, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind."
3. "To you in David's Town this day,
Is born of David's line, the Savior who is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign."
4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find, to human view displayed.
And meanly wrapped in swathing bands.
And in a manger laid, and in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus,
Addressed their joyful song, addressed their joyful song.
6. All Glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth, from heaven to men.
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Give Thanks unto Him

Thank You for being our shepherd.

“We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.” (Psalm 79:13)

Thank You for seeking us when we were lost.

“Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered.” (Ezekiel 34:11–12)

Thank You for caring for us eternally.

“Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.” (Psalms 28:9)

Thank You for laying down Your life for us.

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Thank you for gathering the lambs in Your arms; and carrying them in Your bosom.

“Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.” (Isaiah 40:10–11)

Bless His Name: Jesus the Way

“The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their **Shepherd**, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:17)

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the **Shepherd and Overseer** of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:24–25)

“May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the **Great Shepherd** of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant.” (Hebrews 13:20)