

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, foretold by prophets, priests and kings. He was destined to be a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. (Matt. 2:3-6)

As our Good Shepherd, he gave his life for the sake of his sheep and made a way for us to enter his pastures in peace.

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Je - sus makes my heart re - joice, I'm his sheep and

C D G D G D

know his voice; he's a Shep-herd, kind and gra-cious,

G D G D G D C

and his pas-tures are de - li - cious; con - stant love to

G D G D E Am G D G

me he shows, yea, my ver - y name he knows.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus lays down his life for the sheep. A hireling, who does not know the sheep, will run away if a wolf comes close. The hired hand does not care for the sheep.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep, as only a shepherd can. He calls his sheep by name and welcomes them into his pasture.

The Good Shepherd has made us whole by the blood of an eternal covenant. He has made us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight.

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, keep us close to him. (Heb. 13:20-21)

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now for all who confess you as Lord and Savior. There are many sheep but only one Shepherd. For all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. We pray as well for all those who are still far away from God's saving power:

**for those who have strayed from the flock;
for those who are confused and distracted by falsehoods;
for all who are close to us in faith and heritage;
and for all who have never heard the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.**

We pray for their salvation that comes from profession and confidence in the strong saving name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

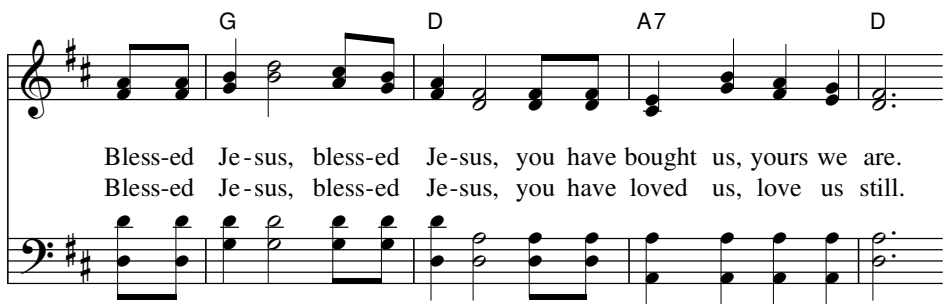
He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

He will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (Matthew 25, Isaiah 40)

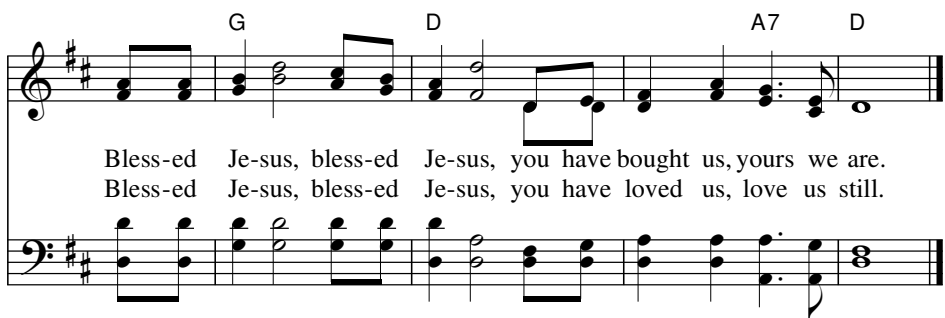
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Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your folds pre-pare.
you have mer-cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Grace, mercy and peace will follow us all the days of our lives.