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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us
Dale Wood (1934 - 2003)

Please stand for the entry of the Bible and then sit for the...

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'*Living water: Wellspring of hope*' Order of Service
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Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

A light to our path.

First Reading

Isaiah 43: 14-21

14 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. **15** I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. **16** Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, **17** who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: **18** Do

not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. **19** I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. **20** The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, **21** the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hymn 10 *The Lord's my Shepherd* (Crimond)

[Psalm 23 - Psalm for the day]

Gospel Reading *John 4:1-15*

1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptising more disciples than John" **2** —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptised— **3** he left Judea and started back to Galilee. **4** But he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. **7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." **11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you

greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Anthem (psalm of the day)

The Lord is My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23

Music: Howard Goodall (1958 -)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the path of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Gospel Reading

John 13:1-20

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. **18** I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his

heel against me.' **19** I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. **20** Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Lord, may your word live in us:
And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 145 *The king of love my shepherd is*
 (Dominus Regit Me)

Sermon

Hymn 499 *Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts* (Hereford)

Offering

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

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Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 587 *Fold to your heart* (Intercessor)

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Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang (1891 - 1971)

Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)