# XXIII Dominus regit me

To suffer my own dereliction for me, To be my shepherd, and to lead me through The grave and gate of death, in strength and mercy

Christ has come down. At last I've found the true Shepherd and the false just fade away, Before him. I will sing of how he drew

Me from the snares I set myself, how day Dawned on my darkness, how he brought me forth Converted me and opened up the way

For me, and led me gently on that path, Led me beside still waters, promised me That he'd be with me all my days on earth,

And when my last day comes, accompany And comfort me, as evening shadows fall, And draw me into his eternity.

Malcolm Guite





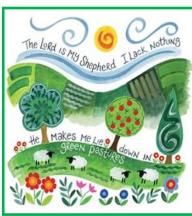


## Next Sunday's reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Let us bring to God our praises and confession:

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters, and gives us refreshment of soul. Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go, so that the name of God will be glorified. Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid, for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us. We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord, and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!



#### We pray for people, places & concerns

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

My Notes

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the All: dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the iovous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Pray for Julie, Laurence (now at home), Josiah & Esther, Tom & Phyllis.

Continue to remember the bereaved families, including the family of Norman Love; Isabella Stirling Robert Penney; Joan darling's brother-in-law, Bill Marshall & John Stephenson

Moody's Swimathon fundraiser Pray for SU groups at Craighead PS The Guild & The Fellowship. (now on holiday) Café Connect & Baby & Toddlers. The Kirk Session Teams Our youth groups & BB Discussions re Union. This month's charity: The Brain Tumour Charity Care Homes Our Praise Band.& AV Team Christian Aid Week arrangements Thy Kingdom Come & Lord's Prayer Labyrinth The van der Mescht family (new members) GoMAD Xtra on 9th June

### LOCAL CONCERNS

Our Schools Young folk at Uni/College Community Council. Foodbanks Christian Unity

#### WORLD CONCERNS

Sydney Baltimore Russia and Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Libya, the Central African Republic, the

Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Colombia, and Mali are currently in civil wars. Mexico is at war with the drug cartels in the country.

Middle East Crisis

Outcomes of COP28 & "transitioning away" from fossil fuels; Refugees







Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli. but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.