

## 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.

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1st May 2024

### 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

**All:** **Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; 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



**THE  
BRAIN  
TUMOUR  
CHARITY**



**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.**