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Jesus' Compassion for Shepherdless Sheep

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Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

Welcome

Prelude

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J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to put our baggage and burdens down to fully worship God!**

Leader: Come, members of the family of God! Come to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

People: **We come, often like sheep without a shepherd. We come here to find our Good Shepherd.**

Hymn

God of the Ages

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Opening Prayer

Equip us, God, for the work of ministry. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way. Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths. Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you. Equip us, O God, for the work of ministry that you have called us to do. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

I Love You Lord

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Special Music

Gentle Shepherd
Ernie Roberts

William Gaither

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Jesus' Compassion for Shepherdless Sheep*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Meditation in D flat

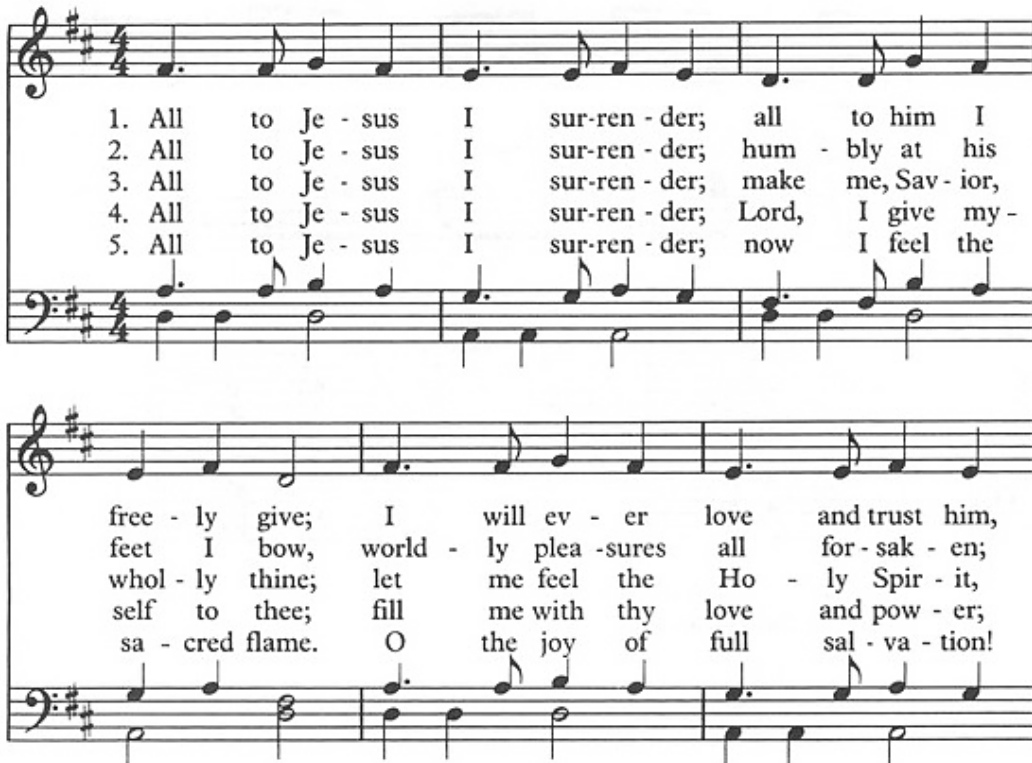
Eric H. Thiman

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

I Surrender All



1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; all to him I
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; hum - bly at his
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; Lord, I give my -
5. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er;
sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all,

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Benediction**Postlude**

Trumpet Tune in D

Georg Philipp Telemann