

Space for God In the Shepherd's Hands

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God.
We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.
If only you would listen to his voice today!
Psalm 95:6-7

WORSHIP

Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises.
Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.
You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver.
Psalm 66:8-10

CONFESSION

Only acknowledge your guilt.
Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God and committed adultery against him by worshipping idols under every green tree.
Confess that you refused to listen to my voice.
I, the Lord, have spoken.
Jeremiah 3:13

MEDITATION – John 10:22-30*

It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon’s Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”
Jesus replied, “I have already told you, and you don’t believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name. But you don’t believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY	
Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God’s healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER
Lord, You are my shepherd. I am in Your hands.

REVIEW OF THE HEART
When did I listen to God and follow His voice?
In what ways does Satan seek to snatch me away?

WISDOM
For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being.
Job 12:10

He made my words of judgment as sharp as a sword He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. I am like a sharp arrow in his quiver.
Isaiah 49:2

The Lord will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God.
Isaiah 62:3

My future is in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.
Psalm 31:15

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION
I entrust my spirit into your hand.
Rescue me, Lord, for you are a faithful God.
[Amen]
Psalm 31:5

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY
Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit’s filling and guidance.
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.

PermaneSED (Abide) Kurt D. Peters. **Bold** portions to be read in unison. *Lectionary, Year C
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