Praying in Summer ♦ 1

♦ The Love of the Shepard ♦

SONG ♦ The King of Love My Shepard Is

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1. The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness
2. Where streams of living water flow My ransomed
3. Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in
4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear
5. You spread a table in my sight; Your saving
6. And so through all the length of days Your goodness

fails me never; I nothing lack if
soul he’s leading, And where the verdant
love he sought me; And on his shoulder
Lord, beside me, Your rod and staff my
grace bestowing; And O what transport
fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I

I am his, And he is mine for ever.
pastures grow With food celestial feeding.
gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.
comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.
of delight From your pure chalice flowing!
sing your praise With in your house for ever.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA, 8 7 8 7; Gaelic.

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND INTRODUCTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us be attentive to the voice and guidance of the Good Shepherd to let Christ dwell with us.
LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

God our Father of heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world
God, the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the Virgin Mother
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word
Heart of Jesus, infinite majesty
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love
Heart of Jesus, wellspring of all virtue
Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts
Heart of Jesus, treasurehouse of wisdom and knowledge
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased
Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins
Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation
Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you

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♦ 2 ♦
Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you
have mercy on us

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints
have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart. Touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray.

Father,
we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received
from the heart of Jesus your Son.
Open our hearts to share his life
and continue to bless us with his love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

READING  ♦  Ezekiel 34:11-16 –
I myself will pasture my sheep and I myself will give them rest.

♦ Have someone read this Bible text for The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus aloud:
either from the Lectionary for Mass, Volume I, no. 172C
or from the USCCB website, http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/060316.cfm

♦ “To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one...Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is hell.”
   “C. S. Lewis, The Four Loves.

SILENCE & REFLECTION

1. What phrase or prayer in the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus stood out in our praying? Why is it important to me?

2. What will I do because of it?

3. How have I been guided on right paths? By the Good Shepherd? By another?

FAITH SHARING

♦ 3 ♦
CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal God,
in Christ you have sought us
with a shepherd’s heart,
and we have rejoiced
to be found and restored.

Multiply in all the world
the wonders of your saving grace,
and gather your scattered people
until heaven resounds in jubilation
at humanity made whole
and creation restored.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

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DISMISSAL

Leader: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

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