

OCP Choral Series

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Assembly, Unison Choir, Keyboard, Guitar, and Solo Instrument

Psalm 23

New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Christopher Walker

INTRO Peacefully (♩ = ca. 60)

Keyboard

p

con Ped.

4 *rit.* *mp a tempo*

The Lord is my shep - herd, I shall not want. He

rit. *mp a tempo*

G/A A D Em7/A D/F# Gmaj7

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7

makes me lie down in green pas - tures; — he leads me be - side still

D G A7 D C7

10

wa - ters; he re - stores my soul. — He leads me — in right

Bm D/A Em9 A A7sus4 F#m

14

paths — for his name's sake. — E - ven though I walk —

G Asus4 A Bm7/A A Dm Gm9

mf

18

— through the dark - est val - ley, I fear no e - vil; — for

C F/A B \flat F/A B \flat /D C

mp

22

you are with me; your rod and staff, they give me

Gm9 C F/A Bb Dm F/A

mp

25

com - fort. You pre - pare a ta - ble be - fore me in the

G/B A/C# D A6 G/A Dadd9

mf

29

pres - ence of my en - e - mies; you a - noint my head with

G B/G A/C# D/F# Em/G F#m/A

32

oil; my cup o - ver - flows. Sure - ly good - ness and

Bm D/A Em9 A Em7/A F#m

f

35

kind - ness shall fol - low me all the days of my life,

G G/B D/A Gmaj9 C7

38

mp and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, dwell *mf*,

D/F# G6 D/A Bm

mp *mf*

41

p slower in the house of the Lord, in the house of the Lord, my

F#m/A Em/G F#m G D/A F#m/A

p slower

44

rit. whole life long.

G Em7/A D

rit.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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p

rit.

5 *a tempo* 4 *mp*
he re - stores my soul.

14 *mf*

19

24

29 3 *mp*

36

42 *slower* *rit.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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5 *mp a tempo*

Lord is my shep - herd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green

8

pas - tures; — he leads me be - side still wa - ters; he re - stores my

12

soul. — He leads me — in right paths — for his name's sake. —

16

— E - ven though I walk — through the dark - est val - ley, I

20

fear no e - vil; — for you are with — me; your rod and staff, — they

24

give me com - fort. — You pre - pare — a ta - ble be -

28 Dadd9 G B/G A/C#
 fore me in the pres - ence of my en - e - mies; you a -

31 D/F# Em/G F#m/A Bm D/A Em9 A
 noint my head with oil; my cup o - ver - flows.

34 Em7/A F#m G G/B D/A
f Sure - ly good - ness and kind - ness shall fol - low me all the days

37 Gmaj9 C7 D/F# G6 D/A
 of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the

40 Bm F#m/A Em/G F#m G
mf Lord, dwell in the house of the Lord, *p* *slower* in the

43 D/A F#m/A G Em7/A D
 house of the Lord my whole life long. *rit.*

Composer Notes

While this psalm may be sung at any time, it is especially suitable for funerals and for celebrations with the lesson on the *Good Shepherd.

It may be sung as an assembly piece, a unison anthem for choir, or as a solo. Accompaniment with a piano and a synthesizer (set on “strings”) works very well.

*Including the Gospels for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Year A (John 10:1–10): “I am the gate for the sheep.”

Year B (John 10:11–18): “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me...”

Year C (John 10:27–30): “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

—*Christopher Walker*

Assembly Edition

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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The Lord is my shep-herd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pas-tures; he leads me be-side still wa-ters; he re-stores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. E-ven though I walk through the dark-est val-ley, I fear no e-vil; for you are with me; your rod and staff, they give me

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (Continued)

com-fort. You pre-pare a ta-ble be-fore me in the pres-ence of my en-e-mies; you a-noint my head with oil; my cup o-ver-flows. Sure-ly good-ness and kind-ness shall fol-low me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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