

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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*Shepherd me, O God*

## Psalm 23

Our Response to our first Reading:

R The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing .

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever ..

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## **PSALM 25**

(The Response to our reading)

**ALL: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me.

**ALL: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress. See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away.

**ALL: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Preserve my life and rescue me.  
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.  
May innocence and uprightness protect me:  
for my hope is in you, O Lord .

**ALL: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

## **Psalm 27**

(The response to our reading)

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

**ALL: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in  
the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savor the  
sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

**ALL: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

**ALL: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I'm sure that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord.

**ALL: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**