

# VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2018

## Psalm 23 respoken

Great God, you shepherd and guide me!  
What more could I need?

You lead me alongside the gently flowing babbling brooks and you renew me.  
You show me the right ways to journey and encourage me, in your name to follow you.

Even when I am forced to travel through places and times which challenge me,  
horrify me and fill me with fear; even when there seems to be no escape from the  
darkness  
which threatens to overwhelm me and break me,  
you remind me that you are walking with me  
and haven't left me to face the darkness alone.

Like a shepherd, your crook guides me and offers me reassurance.

When I am closest to you, your love is overwhelming.  
It is like you have set out a banquet of great food for me  
in a place which is safe for me despite the darkness which swirls around me.  
It is like an expensive and fragrant oil which you have anointed me with.

Living within your expansive love surely cannot end,  
your goodness, your mercy must surround and support me always.

Here I live, in your welcome and hospitality of love forever.  
Amen