A Gentle Shepherd

Assembly, Cantor, SATB Choir, Descant, Keyboard and Guitar

Based on Jeremiah 23:3–6

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REFRAIN

(a tempo)

Descant

A gentle shepherd is the Lord our God,

(a tempo)

Soprano

A gentle shepherd is the Lord our God,

(a tempo)

Alto

(a tempo)

Tenor

the one who gathers, the one who loves.

(a tempo)

Bass

the one who gathers, the one who loves.

Ev - er

(a tempo)

Am7

Dsus4

D9

G

Gmaj7
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Ev-er faith-ful is the Lord our God.
Hold us safe, gen-tle

faith-ful is the Lord our God.
Hold us safe, gen-tle

C Am7/F# B7b9 Em7 A9 Am7

shep-herd, gen-tle

shep-herd, gen-tle

Am/D D7 G

Amen
VERSES 1-3

Cantor or S/A

1. Be-hold the days are com-ing,____ says the Lord our

2. He shall reign as king and shall gov - ern

3. In____ his____ days Judah will

Cantor or T/B (Melody)

1. God, when I shall raise an up-right branch for Da-vid.

2. wise-ly, do-ing right, do-ing just in the land____

3. tri-umph and____ Is-ra-el shall dwell____ in safe-ty.

Emadd9

rit. D.S.

C

C/D D

Bsus4 Bm

rit. D.S.
VERSE 4

4. This is the name all nations shall call him: "The Lord our Saviour Justice".
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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VERSE 1

Cmaj7

1. Behold the days are coming, says the Lord our God,

C

1. when I shall raise an upright branch for David,

C/D D Bsus4 Bm7

VERSE 2

Emadd9

2. He shall reign as king and shall govern wisely,

C

2. doing right, doing just in the land,

C/D D Bsus4 Bm

VERSE 3

Bm

3. In his days Judah will triumph

C

3. and Israel shall dwell in safety,

C/D D Bsus4 Bm

VERSE 4

Emadd9

4. This is the name all nations shall call him:

C

4. “The Lord our Saving Justice”.

C/D D Bsus4 Bm
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Refrain

A gen - tle shep-herd is the Lord our God,

the one who gath - ers,

the one who loves.

Ev - er faith - ful is the Lord our God.

Hold us safe, gen - tle shep-herd, gen - tle Lord.

Verses

1. Be-hold the days are com-ing, says the Lord our
2. He shall reign as king and shall gov - ern
3. In his days Judah will
4. This is the name all na - tions shall

1. God, when I shall raise an up-right branch for Da - vid.
2. wise-ly, do-ing right, do-ing just in the land.
3. tri-umph and Israel shall dwell in safe-ty.
4. call him: “The Lord our Sav - ing Jus - tice”.

Performance Notes

The refrain of A Gentle Shepherd is inspired by the images contained in Jeremiah 23:3–6 and alludes to the “Good Shepherd” passage of John 10. In the Jeremiah passage, God promises to rescue Israel from the “bad” shepherds—the kings who had brought harm and division—and to anoint good shepherds, under whom Israel will prosper and flourish. The promise of a new king for Israel foreshadows the coming of the Messiah, who will make Israel whole again.

This scripture is proclaimed on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year B. A Gentle Shepherd is suitable for that and for other liturgies with the scriptural theme of shepherd, as well as for funerals and celebrations of anointing. The messianic imagery also makes it appropriate for use during Advent.

—Gerard Chiusano