

A Gentle Shepherd

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

Based on Jeremiah 23:3-6

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INTRO (♩ = 88-92)

Keyboard

C Am D9 Gmaj9

G6 Am7 Am/D D7 G

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REFRAIN

Descant
(a tempo)

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

Soprano
(a tempo)

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

Alto

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

Tenor

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

Bass
(a tempo)

G C Am D9 Gmaj9 G6

the one who gath-ers, the one who loves.

the one who gath-ers, the one who loves. Ev - er

the one who gath-ers, the one who loves. Ev - er

Am7 Dsus4 D9 G Gmaj7

poco rit. a tempo

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

poco rit. a tempo

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

poco rit. a tempo

poco rit. a tempo

C Am7/F# B7b9 Em7 A9 Am7

1-4 to Verses Final *rit.* Fine

shep-herd, gen-tle Lord. Lord.

1-4 to Verses Final *rit.* Fine

shep-herd, gen-tle Lord. Lord.

rit.

Am/D D7 1-4 G to Verses Final G Eb/G F/G G Fine

VERSES 1-3

Cantor

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

Cantor

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

Cantor or S/A

3. In his days Ju - dah will

Cantor or T/B (Melody)

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7

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

2. wise - ly, do-ing right, do - ing just in the land. *rit. D.S.*

3. tri - umph and Is - ra - el shall dwell in safe - ty. *rit. D.S.*

Emadd9 C C/D D Bsus4 Bm *rit. D.S.*

VERSE 4

A (Melody)

4. This ___ is the name all ___ na - tions shall

T

B

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7

4. call him: "The ___ Lord our Sav - ing Jus - tice".

D.S. al fine rit.

rit.

Emadd9 C C/D D Bsus4 Bm

D.S. al fine rit.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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N C C Am D9 Gmaj9 G6 Am7

REFRAIN

Am/D D7 G G (a tempo) C Am D9 Gmaj9

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

G6 Am7 Dsus4 D9 G Gmaj7

the one who gath - ers, the one who loves. Ev - er

C Am7/F# B7b9 Em7 A9 Am7 (a tempo)

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

poco rit.

Am/D D7	1-4 G to Verses	Final G Eb/G F/G G	<i>rit.</i>	<i>Fine</i>
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shep - herd, gen - tle Lord. Lord.

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VERSE 1

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7 Emadd9

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

C C/D D Bsus4 Bm rit. D.S.

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

VERSE 2

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7 Emadd9

2. He shall reign as king and shall gov - ern wise - ly,

C C/D D Bsus4 Bm rit. D.S.

2. do - ing right, do - ing just in the land. _____

VERSE 3

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7 Emadd9

3. In _____ his _____ days _____ Ju - dah will tri - umph

C C/D D Bsus4 Bm rit. D.S.

3. and _____ Is - ra - el shall dwell _____ in safe - ty. _____

VERSE 4

Cmaj7 D D/C Bm7 Emadd9

4. This _____ is the name all _____ na - tions shall call him:

C C/D D Bsus4 Bm rit. D.S. al fine

4. "The _____ Lord our Sav - ing Jus - tice". _____

Assembly Edition

A GENTLE SHEPHERD

Gerard Chiusano

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. 7 He shall reign as king — and shall gov - ern
3. 7 In — his — days Ju - dah — will
4. 7 This — is the name — all — na - tions shall

to Refrain

1. God, — when I shall raise an up - right branch — for Da - vid.
2. wise - ly, 7 do - ing right, — do - ing just in the land. —
3. tri - umph 7 and — Is - ra - el shall dwell — in safe - ty.
4. call him: 7 "The — Lord — our Sav - ing Jus - tice".

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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