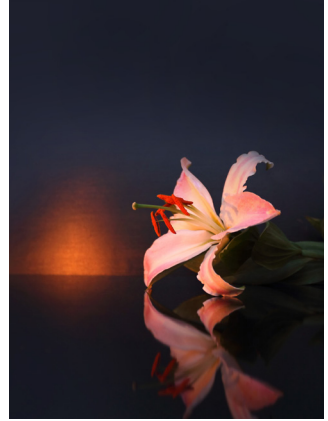


# Hymn of the Week

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## Are You a Shepherd



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# Are You a Shepherd

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

*Refrain*

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
making us ready to pass a hard test?

*Refrain*

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.

*Refrain*

# Are You a Shepherd

*Descant*

3 Great, gen - tle shep - herd,

1 Are you a shep - herd, good shep - herd who leads us  
 2 Are you a moth - er, good moth - er who bears us,  
 3 Great, gen - tle shep - herd, for - ev - er be - side us,

lead all your chil - dren in paths that are right.

safe - ly through dan - ger, while calm - ing our fears?  
 com - forts, pro - tects us and helps us to rest?  
 lead all your chil - dren in paths that are right.

You guide, you guide us.

Are you a fa - ther who shel - ters and feeds us,  
 Are you a teach - er who dai - ly pre - pares us,  
 Great, lov - ing par - ent, wise teach - er, you guide us.

We want to love you and bring you de - light.

shares in our laugh - ter and wipes a - way tears?  
 mak - ing us read - y to pass a hard test?  
 We want to love you and bring you de - light.

Yes, shep - herd, par - ent, teach - er,

*Refrain*

Yes, you are shep - herd, par - ent and teach - er,

but you are great - er than all that we know.

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The first system consists of two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "but you are great - er than all that we know." The music is in a common time signature and features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing.

Ho - ly and liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing,

The second system consists of two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in grand staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing." and "Ho - ly and liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing,". The music continues with similar melodic and harmonic patterns.

God, you are with us wher - ev - er we go.

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The third system consists of two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in grand staff. The lyrics are: "God, you are with us wher - ev - er we go." The music concludes with a final cadence.

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*Descant*

3 Great, gen - tle shep - herd,

1 Are you a shep - herd, good shep - herd who leads us  
 2 Are you a moth - er, good moth - er who bears us,  
 3 Great, gen - tle shep - herd, for - ev - er be - side us,

lead all your chil - dren in paths that are right.

safe - ly through dan - ger, while calm - ing our fears?  
 com - forts, pro - tects us and helps us to rest?  
 lead all your chil - dren in paths that are right.

You guide, you guide us.

Are you a fa - ther who shel - ters and feeds us,  
 Are you a teach - er who dai - ly pre - pares us,  
 Great, lov - ing par - ent, wise teach - er, you guide us.

We want to love you and bring you de - light.

shares in our laugh - ter and wipes a - way tears?  
 mak - ing us read - y to pass a hard test?  
 We want to love you and bring you de - light.

Yes, shep - herd, par - ent, teach - er,  
*Refrain*  
Yes, you are shep - herd, par - ent and teach - er,

but you are great - er than all that we know.  
but you are great - er than all that we know.

Ho - ly liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing.  
Ho - ly and liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing,

God, you are with us wher - ev - er we go.  
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# Are You a Shepherd



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shares in our laugh - ter and wipes a - way tears?  
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 We want to love you and bring you de - light.



*Refrain*  
 Yes, you are shep - herd, par - ent and teach - er,



but you are great - er than all that we know.



Ho - ly and liv - ing, lov - ing and giv - ing,



God, you are with us wher - ev - er we go.