

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



1. Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.

2. God has called you out of darkness
into his most marv'lous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name be glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

3. Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of Heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

4. Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service –
sing his praise, his love declare.

Shepherd of Souls

ST. AGNES/John B. Dykes/James Montgomery

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

2. We would not live by bread alone,
But by your word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food.

Text: CM; verses 1, 2, James Montgomery, 1771–1854; verses 3, 4, anon. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

God Is Love
Gerard Chiusano

1. God is Love, let heav'n adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spreads the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

2. God is Love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

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