

**Thought for the day – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**By Revd John Marshall**

**Abba Amma The sheep's prayer**

Great Shepherd over the mountains.

Our Lady of the lambs:

hear the prayer we offer.

Give us this day our wool to warm us

a wide field; plenty of grass to feed us

still pools to water us.

Let there be a company of sheep

scattered around the hillside

and our little ones near us.

Let us be left alone for a long time.

Come rain, come sun, let our bodies

Shiver, sweat, drip, fatten, wetten.

Deliver us from the farmer's van.

May our lambs grow old beside us.

Let the hard places be in our hooves.

Let the running streams be in our dreams.

Let the skies reflect in our eyes.

Let us become field and wind and weather,

shelter us for ever and ever.

Nicola Slee     Canterbury Press

When we look at parables about sheep and shepherds it will be good to have the sheeps'