

GOOD SHEPHERD

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Hymns top 100 of Sunday
Black robe turns to white and ribbon
Half whole step
Keys on organ short legs cannot reach the pedals

Stale wafer sour wine
Quench hunger till stale donuts
And goldfish dipped
apple juice

Sandbox parables
Familiar to recite as to teach
Verse numbers unknown but
The lesson remained



Mozart Bach for All Saints
Requiem Balm in Gilead
Incense deeply inhale
small white dove

Stained glass wood pews velvet bench
Strain Confession Nicene Lord's Prayer
Memory of recitation
Words to live and mean

Dusty Bible in hand
Dust off a verse a lesson
Young Baptism late Confirmation
Safety in candle glow

Mother
take me
To what
We know