

Fourth Sunday of Easter A

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the days of Pentecost had come.

Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the crowd.

"Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,
this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and to the other apostles,

"Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them,

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
so that your sins may be forgiven;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments
and exhorted them, saying,

"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
So those who welcomed his message were baptized,
and that day about three thousand persons
were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

or

R. Alleluia.

Sunday Mass

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Brothers and sisters:

If you endure when you do right and suffer for it,
you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep,
but now you have returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"Very truly, I tell you,

anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate

but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,

and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own,

he goes ahead of them,

and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger,

but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them,

but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them,

"Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and bandits;

but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved,

and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.