

...love of the Lord fills the earth,
and of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

ever-living God,
share in the joys of heaven,
your humble flock may reach
your faithful Shepherd has gone before.
And you reign with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

DING
from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 2:14a, 36-41

At Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted
up his voice and addressed them: 'Let all the house of Israel
know for certain that God has made him both Lord and
Christ Jesus whom you crucified.'

When they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to
the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'
Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is
made to you and your children and for all who are far off, everyone
whom our God calls to himself.' And with many other
words he witness and continued to exhort them, saying,
'Repent from this crooked generation.' So those who
were baptised, and there were added that day
three thousand souls.

to the Lord.
to God.

Psalms 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R.1

is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

My shepherd;
nothing I shall want.
The green are the pastures
where I may repose.
The waters he leads me;
he restores my soul.

He leads me along the right path,
because of his name.
I should not walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me
in the presence of my foes.
You have anointed with oil;
your grace shall overflow.

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In your holy house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

READING
from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 1 Peter 2:20b-25

When you do good and suffer for it you endure, this
is your glory. For to this you have been
called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an
example that you might follow in his steps. He committed no
sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled

himself he bore our sins in his body on the tree, that you
might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been
healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 10:14

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does
not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way,
that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door
is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The
sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and
leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes
before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they
do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus
used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying
to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the
door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and
robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If
anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

R. that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



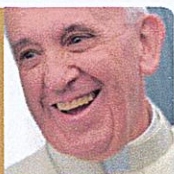
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with him. Jesus warns
about being led astray
pherds. His warning is
y because we are always
giving our allegiance to
promise to solve all our

problems: personal, social, economic, political. It is as if they proclaim: "Follow me, I am the way, the truth, and the life". How many of these "gurus" preaching messages of peace and love have been found to be serial abusers, manipulators, callously exploiting those who are psychologically vulnerable. What often make these leaders attractive to their followers is the promise of solving their problems without having to face up to personal weaknesses and failures and the need for conversion. This is not the way of Jesus. He doesn't ever hide the fact

that being his disciple means denying ourselves and taking up our cross. It means saying no to all forms of selfish egoism and saying yes to loving our neighbour, even our enemy. It means turning the other cheek and going the extra mile. And yet, if we are willing to do this Jesus promises us the fullness of joy and the gift of his peace. We will have no hesitation in repeating the words of the psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want".



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REGION AND VIOLENCE

ourney of peace is possible between religions. Its
eparture must be God's way of seeing things.
s not see with his eyes, God sees with his heart.
s love is the same for everyone, regardless of
ven if they are atheists, his love is the same.
last day comes, and there is sufficient light to
as they really are, we are going to find ourselves
rised".²⁷⁸

in Pope Francis: A Man of His Word, by Wim Wenders (2018).

Pope St. John Paul II (General Audience 9 May 1979)

Christ says: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). We know that these words were confirmed during his passion. Christ laid down his life on the cross. And he did so with love. Above all, he wished to respond to the love of the Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Carrying out "this charge... received from my Father" (Jn 10:18) and revealing his love, Jesus, too, felt, in a particular way, the Father's own love. He affirms this in the same discourse, when he says: "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again" (Jn 10:17). The sacrifice on Calvary is, above all, the giving of himself; it is the gift of his life, which, remaining in the power of the Father, is restored to the Son in a splendid new form.

