

SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2026
4th of Easter

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

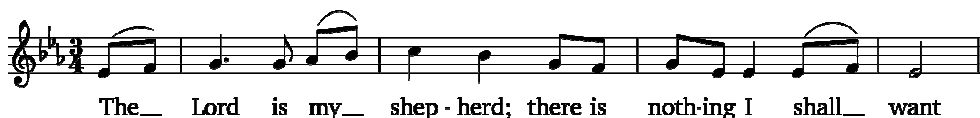


1st Reading - Acts 2.42-47

Many were baptised and were added to the
community. They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone,
because many wonders and signs were being done by
the apostles. All who believed were together and had
all things in common; they would sell their possessions
and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any
had need. Day by day, as they spent much time
together in the temple, they broke bread at home and
ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising
God and having the goodwill of all the people.
And day by day the Lord added to their number those
who were being saved.

Psalm Psalm 23

Lord, you are my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *℟*
You guide me along the right path;
you are 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. *℟*
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *℟*
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. *℟*

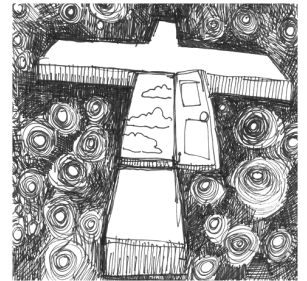


2nd Reading - 1 Peter 2.19-25

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being
aware of God, you endure pain while suffering
unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing
wrong, where is the credit in that? But 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. He 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.

Gospel Reading - John 10.1-10

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.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us
to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

