



4th SUNDAY of PASCUA 21st of April 24 - Cycle B



61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations
“Thy will be done. “All disciples, all missionaries”

GIVE LIFE



SETTING

It is Easter, a time marked by the meaning of full life, a life given from beginning to end. Jesus maintains a unique relationship with us. Our faith is not a theoretical statement, but an experience of a personal relationship with Him.

In today's liturgy this relationship is described with two images, Jesus is the cornerstone and Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He is the faithful companion who does not abandon us.

It is an opportune moment to remember our vocation, which every day wants to resemble the Lord of Life and strengthen it in Him.

Wanting to do your will, we walk and renew our gaze, that of our eyes and that of our heart.

With you we are more and better.

SONG. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD – Trinity fellowship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

GOSPEL – John 10, 11 – 18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life to the sheep. But the hireling, who is not a shepherd, to whom the sheep do not belong, sees the wolf coming, abandons the sheep and flees, and the wolf preys on them and scatters them, because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know my Father and I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I also have to lead those and they will listen to my voice; and there will be one flock, one shepherd. That is why the Father loves me, because I give my life to recover it again. Nobody takes it away from me; I give it voluntarily. I have power to give it and power to get it back again; that is the order I have received from my Father.

To deepen the text (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

In the first reading, Luke is careful to say that Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit when he made his solemn declaration before the Sanhedrin. Firstly, this means that what Peter says is particularly important and, secondly, that it takes certain courage to dare to do it! Nothing and no one could ever silence the witnesses of Christ. And this, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit. "His Name, given to men, is the only one that can save us": "Christians", we carry, even the name of Christ himself, his Name is entrusted to us, hence our responsibility to announce salvation.

Psalm 117 (118) is often retained for the Easter Liturgy, but luckily, today, we read the first and last verses which are identical: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good! His mercy is eternal! «His love is eternal! A God of love, a faithful God, it took Revelation to dare to think such a thing!

John, in his first letter, offers us the meaning of the expression "know the Father." In San Juan, he is recognized as Father, full of

Saint tenderness and mercy, as the Old Testament already said. To those who do not yet know him, that is, who do not yet see their Father, it is our turn to reveal ourselves to him with our words and with our works. Thus, when the Son of God appears, all humanity will be transformed into his image. Yes, truly the love with which the Father has filled us is great! And, generally, God is compared to a shepherd. In his Gospel, John has carefully kept all the phrases of his teacher that spoke of his determination to give his life for the flock: "I lay down my life...No one has been able to take it from me: it is I myself who gives it" (Jn 10 , 18). John emphasizes here the freedom of Jesus; isn't freedom the first attribute of a king? And that is what Juan tells us, the king that was expected is not the king that the magazines present to us, but rather the one who will be willing to do anything to save his people. John will highlight, once again, that, at the moment of Jesus' arrest, "Jesus, knowing what was going to happen to him..." (Jn 18, 4) and, in the course of the story of the Passion, John notes the sovereignly free attitude of Jesus (19, 28). There will be one flock and one shepherd. We know very well that this horizon is far from being reached. It was no better at the time John wrote his gospel, and yet he dared to claim it. After the Resurrection, John knows that nothing can prevent those promises from being fulfilled.

Tips for prayer

1. Remember your call, how do you update it today?
2. Is Jesus still the reference in your life, the cornerstone?
3. What does the figure of the Good Shepherd suggest to you? How would you translate it to today's young people?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. LUDOVICO EINAUDI - STELLA DEL MATTINO

<https://youtu.be/ZWKwQ2gBRc0?feature=shared>

ATTENTION EARS

Teach me to listen
every day your call.

This is how it is forged
my answer.
From dawn to evening,

I tune in to life,
that different
ways and with different
idioms,
makes me know that
life is made
in the small details.
Listen to you very close,
Inside me.
Listen to you in proximity,
my community, my group,
my family, my friends,
the others all.
Listen to you in the distance,
other lands, other places,
other cultures, other ways.
Listen to you on Mother Earth,
in his creatures,
sunrises and sunsets.
Listen to you in oblivion,
in which they are also,
but no one remembers them.

Listen to you in tenderness,
in good work.
Listen to you in difficulty,
in the meaningless,
in the dark.
What I heard,
He questioned me and invited
me,
to respond,
to welcome,
to generate possibility,
to discover talent.
Hear your call
different every day
and walk forward,
being fruit and witness,
of your love that
calls me, summons
and send.
May your will be done,
every day.

SONG.SHEPERD OF MY SOUL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtqliuDZIKA>

MI BUEN PASTOR - IXCÍS

<https://youtu.be/GgnZMIqnpVM?feature=shared>



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