



*Welcome to*  
**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church**

*April 26, 2026*  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. While the first reading from Acts emphasizes the open testimony of Peter and the Eleven before a multitude of people willing to hear them, in the second reading, a letter sent later by Peter himself offers support and encouragement to Christians suffering persecution. In both cases, Christ is the gate between the living and the dying, the center of life for all who preach the good news. Christ is the voice of the Good Shepherd who takes care of his flock, he will not allow his sheep to be misled by the voices of robbers and prophets. We need to be faithful to the Church and proclaim the good news of our risen Lord as missionaries who extend their hands and hearts to all who look for Christ. As a family of faith in our communities, we should reflect on the following questions: What religious groups, Christian and non-Christian, are in our communities? Have we thought to start fraternal dialogue with these groups, as Pope Francis, our shepherd on earth, has taught us?

**JOIN IN THE DANCE**

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Join in the dance of the earth's ju - bi - la - tion! This is the feast of the  
love of God. Shout from the heights to the ends of cre - a - tion:  
Je - sus the Sav - ior is ris - en from the grave!

Verses

1. Wake, O	peo - ple; sleep no	long - er: greet the
2. All cre - a - tion,	like a moth - er,	la - bors
3. Now our shame be - comes	our glo - ry	on this
4. None on earth, no prince	or pow - er,	nei - ther
5. Love's tri - um - phant day	of vic - t'ry	heav - en
6. Christ for - ev - er,	Lord of a - ges,	Love be -

  

1. break - ing	day!	Christ, Re - deem - er,
2. to give	birth.	Soon the pain will
3. ho - ly	tree.	Now the reign of
4. death nor	life,	noth - ing now can
5. o - pens	wide.	On the tree of
6. yond our	dreams:	Christ, our hope of

to Refrain

1. Lamb and	Li - on, turns the	night a - way!
2. be for - got - ten,	joy for all the	earth!
3. death is	end - ed; now we	are set free!
4. ev - er	part us from the	love of Christ!
5. hope and	glo - ry death it - self	has died!
6. heav - en's	glo - ry, all that	yet will be!

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Lord have mercy – Christ have mercy – Lord have mercy.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of \_\_\_ good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, hea-ven - ly king, O God, al-migh - ty Fath-er. \_\_\_  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther. you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us, \_\_\_ you take a-way the sins of the world,  
re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at \_\_\_ the right hand  
of \_\_\_ the Fath-er, \_\_\_ have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A - men, A - men,  
 A - men, A - men.

## *Liturgy of the Word*

*(9:30 am Children's exit for the Word)*

Come ga-ther to-gether to hear God's Word; The  
 No go and re-joice as you hear God's voice, the  
 words of Spi-rit and Life! To lis-ten and hear all that  
 voice of our Sa-vior and Lord. And then let it shine through your  
 God has to share to fill you with love and with light.  
 life all the time like stars shin-ing bright for the world.

# ACTS

## Chapter 2

### Verses 14, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, 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 to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We respond  
with a refrain  
from

## PSALM 23

Verses 1-3, 3-4,  
5, 6

*Music CPILG*

My shep-herd, my shep-herd, the  
Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall  
want, there is noth - ing I shall want.

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*

*R.*

*He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.  
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.*

*R.*

*You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*R.*

*Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.*

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**PETER**

**Chapter 2**

**Verses 20-25**

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,  
this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.  
*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.  
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our resurrection  
acclamation as  
we are about to  
hear the Gospel  
of the Lord!

*Music CPILG*



**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

# JOHN

## Chapter 10

### Verses 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**

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate  
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.  
But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.  
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,  
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.  
When he has driven out all his own,  
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,  
because they recognize his voice.  
But they will not follow a stranger;  
they will run away from him,  
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."  
Although Jesus used this figure of speech,  
the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.  
All who came before me are thieves and robbers,  
but the sheep did not listen to them.  
I am the gate.  
Whoever enters through me will be saved,  
and will come in and go out and find pasture.  
A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

## Prayers of the People

9:30 Choir - "Pathway Of Hope".....Joseph Martin

# LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford, SJ

**Refrain**

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart, lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

**1-3 to Verses** **Final**

**Verses 1, 2**

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju - dah: Pre-pare the  
 2. I my - self will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,  
 2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.  
 2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

**Verse 3**

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and  
 3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

Priest: Pray,  
 brothers and  
 sisters, that my  
 sacrifice and  
 yours may be  
 acceptable to  
 God, the Almighty  
 Father

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**People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church**

The Lord be with you – **And with your spirit.**  
 Lift up your hearts - **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **It is right and just.**

Before we sing the “Holy, Holy,” the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est.

As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
 we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

A - men, A - men. A - men.

# The Lord's Prayer

**Agnus Dei qui  
tollis peccata  
mundi**

**Miserere nobis**

**Dona Nobis  
Pacem**



Musical notation for the Agnus Dei prayer, consisting of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**A prayer for all  
unable to  
physically be  
here today.**

## *Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

**This music plays  
in the  
background as  
Eucharistic  
Ministers receive  
communion**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament.  
Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament.  
What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

## Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your  
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us  
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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