

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 APRIL 2021

They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; /
on the third day he rose again from
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the
holy catholic Church, / the communion
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /
the resurrection of the body, / and life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

R. 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord,
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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. 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.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 20:27

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. 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.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

There are always different ways of seeing
the same thing. For some of the Jews in
Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary
outcome for someone who was leading
the people astray. Peter on the other hand
has come to see it as the foundation and
cornerstone of a new building. He does
not deny that Jesus was rejected by some
of his own, but he has come to appreciate
it from a new point of view. As John
expresses it, it is the means by which God
lavishes us with love ushering in a new
dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his
disciples in the Gospel today about how he
understands his own death. The disciples
could only see their hopes of being part
of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces,
and as a failure. Jesus did not see his
death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of
the loving shepherd, given freely for his
flock that they might live. On this Anzac
Day we remember with profound thanks
the sacrifice of so many who have served
and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there
is always a deeper reality that the person
of faith is called to see and appreciate.
There is an invitation to hope and trust
in the hidden and unexpected ways that
God works in our midst. Even failures and
suffering can have a part to play in God's
plan for us. Having the openness to look
once again with the eyes of faith is part
of the challenge of Easter.

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Though few shepherds remain in our modern world,
the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds
us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He
lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for
us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the
Good Shepherd.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the
earth; / by the word of the Lord the
heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as
the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the
Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to
eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, /
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to
a share in the joys of heaven, so that the
humble flock may reach where the brave

Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:
'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are
questioning us today about an act of kindness
to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed,
then I am glad to tell you all, and would
indeed be glad to tell the whole people of
Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ
the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom
God raised from the dead, by this name and
by no other that this man is able to stand
up perfectly healthy, here in your presence
today. This is the stone rejected by you the
builders, but which has proved to be the
keystone. For of all the names in the world
given to men, this is the only one by which
we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

R. The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, /
for his love has no end. / It is better to take
refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it
is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to
trust in princes. R.

2. I will thank you for you have given
answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone
which the builders rejected / has become the
cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, /
a marvel in our eyes. R.

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he
who comes. / We bless you from the house
of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have
given answer / and you are my saviour. /
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for
his love has no end. R.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has
lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;



and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children
of God
but what we are to be in the future has not
yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good
shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my
sheep, and mine know me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10: 11-18

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his
life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

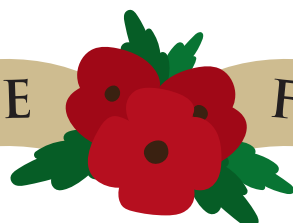
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own

and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

LEST WE FORGET



ANZAC DAY