

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A



*First Reading † Acts 2:14a,36-41*

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

‘Therefore the whole House of Israel may know for certain that God made him Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,

‘What are we to do, brothers?’

Peter answered,

‘Repent, and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children, and for all *those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God is calling to himself.*’

He also used many other arguments, and he urged them,

‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’

Some accepted his message and were baptised, and on that day about three thousand people were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial † Psalm 22(23)*

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for the length of days unending.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

***Second Reading † 1 Peter 2:20-25***

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

What glory is there in putting up with a beating for doing something wrong? The merit in the sight of God is in putting up with it patiently when you are punished for doing good. For you were called to this because Christ also suffered for you and left an example for you to follow in his steps. He *had done nothing wrong, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted he did not return the insult, when he suffered he made no threats but put his trust in him who judges justly. He was bearing our sins in his own body on the cross, so that freed from sins we might live for righteousness; through his bruises you have been healed. You were like straying sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † John 10:14***

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

*Gospel † John 10:1-10*

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said:

‘Amen, Amen I say to you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a bandit. He who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; to him the gatekeeper opens the gate, the sheep hear his voice, he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his sheep, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him because they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

‘Amen, Amen I say to you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.

All who have come before me  
are thieves and bandits,  
but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe,  
and will go in and out  
and will find pasture.

The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it in plenty.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Monday of the fourth week of Easter*