



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

St. Jude's Shrine, April 21, 2024.

COMMENTARY *This Sunday, the day of Lord, the church leans towards contemplating Christ, the Good Shepherd, who loved us, giving himself to cross. Here we are to bless the Father who offered us, in his Son Jesus, his heart, full of compassion and mercy towards everyone, especially for those who are hurt and injured. We are invited to join in prayer for vocations, pleading with the Lord to send holy and dedicated pastors to his people. Let us rise, welcome **Father Said Mamud**, and start our Holy Mass singing the Entrance Hymn*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. **ENTRANCE SONG**

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.**

1 Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem,
here is your God.
Refrain

2 I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.
Refrain

3 Come unto me if you are heavily burdened, and take my yoke upon your shoulders. I will give you rest.
Refrain

2. **GREETINGS**

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

3. **PENITENTIAL ACT**

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do (striking breast, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my

brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.

1. Lord have mercy (2x),

Kyrie Eleison (2x)

2. Christ have mercy (2x),

Christe Eleison (2x)

3. Lord have mercy (2x),

Kyrie Eleison (2x)

4. **GLORY**

(2x) **Glory to God in the highest And on Earth,
peace to people of good will**

1. 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
Refrain

2. 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 pray'r
You are seated at the right hand of, the Father,
have mercy on us
Refrain

3. 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
Refrain
Amen!

5. **LET US PRAY**

Celebrant: 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, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. **FIRST READING (Acts 4:8-12)**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM
(118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29)

(2x) (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Response

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³ By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Response

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁸ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (2x)

8. SECOND READING (1 JOHN 3:1-2)

A Reading from the first letter of St. John:

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (JOHN 10:14)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2x)

10. GOSPEL READING (1 JOHN 10:11-18)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Trusting in Christ, who as a Good Shepherd intercedes for us with the Father, let us plead:

All: Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!

1. For all who have the mission to be shepherds of your flock...

All: Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!

2. For your Church in São Paulo, which wishes to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd...

All: Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!

3. For all the sheep that are hurt and injured, despised and persecuted...

All: Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!

4. For all the sheep that are far from your flock...

All: Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!

5. For all the pastorals of our Archdiocese...

All: **Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!**

6. For all the vocations in our Archdiocese and those who care for vocations.

All: **Take care of your people, O Good Shepherd!**

Celebrant: All of this we ask of You, You who are God, with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

Take this bread, gift and work of human hands,
Take this wine from this branch of your vine.
Take our lives as an offering to you,
God of mercy, singing "Blessed be our God!"

(Repeat all the song)

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **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.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS LET US PRAY

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Preface I:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth are full
Are full of your glory*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

*Blessed is he who comes,
Who comes in the name of the Lord*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

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

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Francis** our Pope and **Odilo** our Bishop and all the clergy. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, *with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ. †

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

All: **Amen.**

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

17. LAMB OF GOD **(Repeat 3x)**

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

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

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

18. COMMUNION SONG

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made
I am the seed that died to be re-born
I am the bread that comes from heaven above
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy

Take and eat, take and eat
This is my body given up for you
Take and drink, take and drink
This is my blood given up for you

2. I am the way that leads the exile home
I am the truth that sets the captive free
I am the life that raises up the dead
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you
Refrain
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin
I am the gate that guards you night and day
You are my flock you know the shepherd's voice
You are my own, your ransom is my blood
Refrain

19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **LET US PRAY**

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

20. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father and the Son † and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God

21. FINAL SONG

The stone has been rolled away and freedom is witnessed today.

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today! (2x)

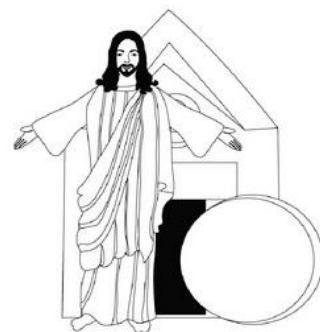
1. Ev'ry woman, ev'ry man, ev'ry child;
Our God has promised us new life!

Refrain

2. No more silence, no more fear, no more tears.
Receive the gifts of peace and hope.

Refrain (2x)

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today!



22. ADDITIONAL PRAYER **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

All: Jesus, Divine Master, / who called the Apostles to follow you, / continue to pass through our paths, through our families, / through our schools / and continue to repeat the invitation to many young people. / Give courage to the people invited. / Give them strength to be faithful to you / as lay apostles, / as priests and deacons, / as consecrated, / for the good of the People of God / and of all humanity. Amen.

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What: Our next English Mass

When: May 26, 2024

Time: 10 am

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