



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Saint Jude's Shrine, April 26, 2026.



COMMENTARY *Brothers and sisters, we are the flock that the Lord, the Good Shepherd, has gathered. Led by Him, we have come to seek the food that saves us: He Himself who satisfies us through His Word and His Body and Blood. Drawn by the Good Shepherd, we too will be sent by Him to bear witness to His Passover. On this day when the Church prays for vocations, let us implore the Lord of the Harvest to send generous workers to love and serve all. Let us rise and welcome **Father Maximiliano** as we gather for this Eucharistic celebration.*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

**Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Refrain

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Refrain

3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

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 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Kyrie Eleison (2x)
Christe Eleison (2x)
Kyrie Eleison (2x)

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

4. GLORY

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth! (2x)

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

Refrain

2. Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World,
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our pray'r, receive our pray'r

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... Amen

Refrain (2x)

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 2:14A, 36-41)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

All: **Thanks be to God**

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS. 23: 1-3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6)

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want Or: R. Alleluia.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;

^{3A} he refreshes my soul.

Response.

^{3BC} He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ 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.

Response.

⁵ You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Response.

⁶ 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.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want Or: **R. Alleluia.**

8. SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:20B-25)

A Reading from Peter letter to the Romans.

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.

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.

GOSPEL READING (John 10:1-10)

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: "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."

Celebrant: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: **Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Homily

10. 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.

11. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: "Brothers and sisters, let us turn to Jesus, the Shepherd who grants eternal life, and lift up our prayers to him as one body." All: **Good Shephard, hear our prayer!**

1. Good Shepherd, you guide your flock with tireless love; grant the ministers of your Church the grace to care for the people entrusted to them with true pastoral zeal.
Response: **Good Shephard, hear our prayer!**
2. Good Shepherd, your people long for holy leaders; awaken within our communities new vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
Response
3. Good Shepherd, you call and protect your sheep; grant our world leaders a spirit of compassion for the most vulnerable, ensuring they are always protected and respected. *Response*
4. Good Shepherd, you share your mission with us through Baptism; grant all the faithful a spirit of co-responsibility in the life and mission of your Church.
Response
5. Lord and our Creator, sustain us on the path of conversion and rekindle in our hearts the desire to serve you in our brothers and sisters who need shelter.
Response

(Community intentions)

Celebrant: *Let us conclude our prayers by reciting together the Prayer for Vocations:*

"Jesus, Divine Master, you called the Apostles to follow you. Continue to walk among us—through our families and our schools—and renew your invitation to the hearts of the young.

Give courage to those you call. Grant them the strength to be faithful **as lay apostles, priests, and religious**, for the good of the People of God and all humanity. **Amen."**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

12. 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!"

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.**

13. 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.**

14. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but (on this night / on this day / 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
Lord God of host
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

(2x) Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

(2x) 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: (Singing) 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 **Leo 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.

15. COMMUNION RITE

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

All: Peace be with you.

16. LAMB OF GOD

(2x) 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.*

Celebrant: 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.

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

17. **COMMUNION SONG**

1. I am the bread of Life,
he who comes to me shall not hunger;
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

**And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the World
And he who eats of this bread
He shall live forever, he shall live forever.
Refrain (2x)

18. **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

19. **FINAL BLESSING**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven. All: **Amen**

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

20. **FINAL SONG**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today!

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 (twice)

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today!

21. **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, high priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call Young men and women to your service, as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the

lives of dedicated priests, brothers and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom. O God, you have called us to salvation and have sent your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and you have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready but the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to follow Jesus by serving Your People. Amen



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**DON'T
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Join us every
4th Sunday in the month
at 10 am at St. Jude's Shrine.

Our next Mass is on May 24.