

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Prayer for the day

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's  
sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be  
gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### First Reading

#### Psalm 23

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

[2] He makes me lie down  
in green pastures. He leads me  
beside still waters.

[3] He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.

[4] Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil, for  
you are with me; your rod and  
your staff, they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table  
before me in the presence of my  
enemies; you anoint my head with  
oil; my cup overflows.

[6] Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, and I shall dwell in the  
house of the LORD forever.  
(ESV)

### Second Reading

#### Acts 4:5–12

[5] On the next day their rulers  
and elders and scribes gathered  
together in Jerusalem, [6] with  
Annas the high priest and  
Caiaphas and John and Alexander,  
and all who were of the high-  
priestly family. [7] And when they  
had set them in the midst, they  
inquired, "By what power or by  
what name did you do this?" [8]

Then Peter, filled with the  
Holy Spirit, said to them,  
"Rulers of the people and  
elders, [9] if we are being  
examined today concerning a  
good deed done to a crippled  
man, by what means this man  
has been healed, [10] let it be  
known to all of you and to all  
the people of Israel that by the  
name of Jesus Christ of  
Nazareth, whom you crucified,  
whom God raised from the  
dead—by him this man is  
standing before you well. [11]  
This Jesus is the stone that was  
rejected by you, the builders,  
which has become the  
cornerstone. [12] And there is  
salvation in no one else, for  
there is no other name under  
heaven given among men by  
which we must be saved."  
(ESV)

### Gospel Reading

#### John 10:11–18

[11] I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down  
his life for the sheep. [12] He  
who is a hired hand and not a  
shepherd, who does not own  
the sheep, sees the wolf  
coming and leaves the sheep  
and flees, and the wolf  
snatches them and scatters  
them. [13] He flees because he  
is a hired hand and cares  
nothing for the sheep. [14] I  
am the good shepherd. I know  
my own and my own know  
me, [15] just as the Father  
knows me and I know the  
Father; and I lay down my life  
for the sheep. [16] And I have  
other sheep that are not of this  
fold. I must bring them also,  
and they will listen to my  
voice. So there will be one  
flock, one shepherd. [17] For  
this reason the Father loves  
me, because I lay down my life  
that I may take it up again.  
[18] No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own  
accord. I have authority to lay it  
down, and I have authority to take  
it up again. This charge I have  
received from my Father." (ESV)

### Final Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down  
his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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