

Keeping the Sabbath Holy As A Family
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish



Our Lady of Victory Parish

Introduction

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us always.

All Amen.

Penitential Rite

Leader: As we begin our time of prayer let us pause and place ourselves in the presence of God and ask his forgiveness for our sins.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into
everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and
bring us to ever lasting life.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty every-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

First Reading

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Responsorial Psalm**

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

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

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
besides restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

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

Reader: He guides me in right paths
For his name's sake.
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.

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

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

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Reader: 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.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

The Psalm for this Sunday has also been recorded and a link can be found on our Facebook pages with the weekly reflection.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Leader: Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

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

All: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according 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.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Reflection

See video posted on the parishes' Facebook pages.

The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

Leader: Trusting that the Good Shepherd never abandons His flock and is attentive to our every need, let us make our petitions known to Him.

Leader: For all in our community: that the Spirit will guide our daily journeys and enable us to ease fear, bring hope, and offer encouragement to those who touch our lives

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all healthcare workers and first responders: that God will renew their strength, guide them in their work, and protect them and their families from harm. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are ill, particularly those with Covid-19: that God's healing love will relieve their pain, strengthen their minds and bodies, and restore them to full health. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the grace to love as God loves: that we may love others as God has loved us, unconditionally and without expectation. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all the faithful departed, including our deceased loved ones, especially _____. We also remember Fr. Perry and also, those who died from Covid-19: that Christ may welcome them into the eternal light and joy of God's presence
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Gathering all of our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer the Christ Himself has taught us.

All: Our Father...

Spiritual Communion

Leader: Although we cannot receive Christ sacramentally in the Eucharist today, we can still unite ourselves to Him spiritually. Let us ask Him to come down and dwell within our souls by means of a Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Leader: Let us pause for a moment in silence and treasure God's presence. Let us give thanks to God for all of the blessings that He has given to us in our lives.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Keep safe, O Lord, we pray
those whom you have saved by your kindness,
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.