



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022

### REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Listening is important. Having the capacity to hear is even more so. Today's gospel is wonderfully reassuring for those who truly hear the voice of Jesus. He "knows" them. These are the ones who "follow" him, those who live as he lived, caring for the "flock". There is a sense of mutuality in hearing and in being known. The inheritance of the "known" ones is "eternal" or never-ending life. In other words, they participate in God's way of being in the world. Just as the shepherds of the ancient world protected their flocks, so the followers of Jesus are secure in his "hand", secure in the "hand" of God. Later in John's gospel, Mary of Magdala will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one whom Jesus "knows". Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, founded in post-revolution France to shepherd God's people, especially young women at risk, take their inspiration from the gospel image of Jesus as shepherd. They continue to shepherd God's people, including women who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. They have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation". Their foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties—no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull them up. Day and night, they are on guard against wolves—they never completely relax." The same respectful stance is needed as we seek to care for our threatened Earth community.

For the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition. John's gospel evokes that tradition. It also evokes the figure of David, the shepherd boy who was destined to become king and to shepherd God's people. For biblical scholar Margaret Daly-Denton, the Israelite understanding of kingship is "shepherding done in the name of the true Shepherd of Israel (Ps. 80.1), the kind of care that reveals the divine 'care-fulness'" (*John: An Earth Bible Commentary*, T&T Clark, 645<sup>1</sup>, 588). Those who hear the voice of Jesus are called to that kind of care for one another and for our planetary home.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The Dean and the Cathedral Staff extend their best wishes to all mother's for this Mother's Day 2022.



Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you give life and care for your Church.  
Bless these women,  
that they may be strengthened  
as Christian mothers.  
Let the example of their faith  
and love shine forth.  
Grant that we,  
their sons and daughters,  
may honour and appreciate them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

From the Book of Blessings

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!*

*I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call.*

*If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends.

May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



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and Catholic Theological College  
Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal**

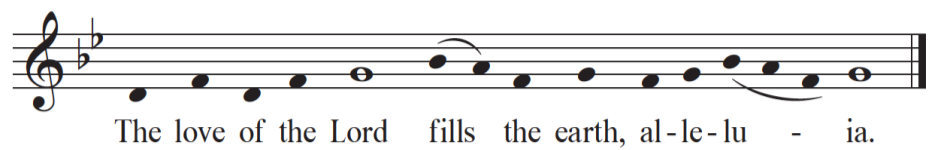


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<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

TODAY'S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.



Entrance Hymn CWBII 357 v.1,2,4

Good Shepherd, you know us, you call us by name,  
you lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.  
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call,  
and none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us of robbers and thieves;  
the hireling, the wolf, who destroys and deceives;  
all praise for your promise on which we can stand,  
that no-one can snatch us from out of your hand.

At one with the Father, you made yourself known:  
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.  
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;  
by grace we respond to your life-giving word.

Christopher Idle b.1938

1st Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3.5

**Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

2nd Reading Rv 7:9,14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:  
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

Communion Hymn CWBII 597

*Shepherd me, O God*

*Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

You have set me a banquet of love in the  
face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond  
my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forever more.

Text : based on Psalm 22 (23) Marty Haugen b.1950 Music : Marty Haugen

**Sunday 11.00am** - Ave verum –Saint Saens

**Sunday 6.30pm** Communion antiphon:  
Ego sum pastor bonus

### Hymn after Communion/Recessional Hymn

**Shepherds of souls** CWBII 596 v.l 2,6

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
Praise To Our Victorious King,  
He Has Washed Us In The Tide  
Flowing From His Wounded Side;  
Praise We Him, Whose Love Divine  
Gives His Sacred Blood For Wine,  
Gives His Body For The Feast,  
Christ The Victim, Christ The Priest.

Where The Paschal Blood Is Poured,  
Death's Dark Angel Sheathes His Sword;  
Israel's Hosts Triumphant Go  
Through The Wave That Drowns The Foe.  
Praise We Christ, Whose Blood Was Shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread!  
With Sincerity And Love  
Eat We Manna From Above.

Mighty Victim From The Sky,  
Hell's Fierce Powers Beneath You Lie;  
You Have Conquered In The Fight,  
You Have Brought Us Life And Light:  
Now No More Can Death Appall,  
Now No More The Grave Enthrall;  
You Have Opened Paradise,  
And In You The Saints Shall Rise.

Easter Triumph, Easter Joy,  
This Alone Can Sin Destroy;  
From Sin's Power, Lord Set Us Free,  
Newborn Souls In You To Be.  
Hymns Of Glory, Songs Of Praise,  
Father, Unto Thee We Raise:  
And To You, Out Risen King,  
With The Spirit, Praise We Sing.

Text: Ad regias agni dapes; Latin 4th century; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868 alt.

### Organ Recessional

**Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm Masses**

**Toccata Prima oder Erstes**

**Musicalisches Blumen Feld-Johann Speth (1664-1719)**

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Thursday 12 May** - Sts Nereus and Achilleus  
St Pancras

**Friday 13 May** - Our Lady of Fatima

**Saturday 14 May** - St Matthias, Apostle

### Catholic Theological College

*Series of short sessions: online via Zoom.*

**Engaging Your Faith** - Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session running 3 to 28 May 2022 Booking, payment and further information: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

**The 2022 National Mass Count will take place at all Masses during the weekends in May.**



### Wedding Congratulations

Alessandra Meoli and Robert Ciampa

### Emerging out of COVID

**Mass to commemorate those who have died during the COVID Pandemic, St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 22 May 11.00am.**

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID has had in our families and communities, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 22 May for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic (including but not limited to those who have died from COVID).

This Mass will be offered for all the departed who have died during this time and whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.

You can submit names of those you would like remembered at this Mass via the following link:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF)

We are encouraging parishes across the Archdiocese on the weekend of 21 and 22 May to remember and celebrate the lives of those within our own community who have died during COVID.

### St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPCYAG) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Date: Wednesday 11 May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Albert Room, CKC, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Session starts with divine mercy chaplet followed by discussion on the Unity and Diversity in the Mass. We will discover how we can actualise unity in our diversity through the great sacrifice of Christ for love of us in our lives.

For further information, please contact

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### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm  
(1.00pm live streamed - Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb))

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.  
(11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)  
Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Reconciliation will be held Monday to Friday at 1.30pm (After 1.00pm Mass) and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am (After the 8.00am Mass)

## THE NICENE CREED

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.

## Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

## Dean of

## St Patrick's Cathedral

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## SAFEGUARDING.

### Child Protection Officer:

#### Rev Alexander Chow

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office. Further information refer to website (<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>).

## St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at  
Albert Room, CKC Centre,  
383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Last Sunday of each month:  
6pm Rosary, 6:30pm mass,  
followed by meal.

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## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Carmela and Joseph Cassar, Lieselotte Weise and son, Fermalda Tarantelli, Irish Bhuvaneshwari John, Nicola Iaconis and Enrica Triario. May they share the fullness of God's life promised by the Good Shepherd, who leads them home.