

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – “GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY”**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
**April 21, 2024**

**SPRINKLING RITE:** *During the Easter Season we renew our baptismal sharing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through water and the Holy Spirit.*

**Gloria:** *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!”*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** see [Readings](#)

**Responsorial Psalm 118: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Preparation of the Gifts**      *Shepherd of My Heart*

1. My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;  
green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.  
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul.  
I am led onward in ways true to the Name.

*Refrain:* Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;  
lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day.  
Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight.  
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

2. If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,  
no evil shall I fear with God at my side.  
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort;  
you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. (*Refrain*)
3. You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;  
goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.  
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever;  
within the house of God my soul is at rest. (*Refrain*)

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## Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.

## Communion Song

### *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain:* You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

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## Sending Forth Song: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he's leading,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeding.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, alt.  
Music: ST. COLUMBA/Traditional Irish melody.

## Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God,  
in your unfailing love  
you provide ministers for your Church.

We pray for all those whom you call to serve.

Inspire in them a generous response.

Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.

May their lives and service call your people to respond  
to the presence of your Spirit among us  
that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ,  
we may:

- + announce glad tidings to the poor
- + proclaim liberty to captives,
- + set prisoners free
- + and renew the face of the earth.

Amen!