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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Gospel, John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

Reflection Jn10:14

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know mine and mine know me."

The Gospel this weekend speaks of intimacy. Christ is the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name. There is the sharing of lives. He knows every detail of our lives and loves us despite our limitations and weaknesses. However, he invites me to become exactly the person he created me to be. He loves me and wants the best for me.

He also is our model in building relationships. We must open up with others so they may feel confidence to open up to us as well. In today's world, evangelization requires that we listen to the other person's story without judgement and meet them where they are at. Then we are invited to walk with them in taking the next step whatever that might be.



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Questions for Reflection:

Can I say that I have an intimate relationship with Christ?

Is the definition of my prayer that of sharing my life with him?

Do I listen to others attentively or do I already form judgements in my mind?

Am I willing to walk with someone in their journey towards Christ or do I let go too early?

Psalm 22

Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his
mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge
in the LORD than to trust
in man. It is better to take
refuge in the LORD than
to trust in princes.

I will give thanks to you,
for you have answered
me and have been my
savior. The stone which the
builders rejected has be-
come the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been
done; it is wonderful in
our eyes.

Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the
house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you,
for you have answered
me and have been my
savior.

Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good; for his
kindness endures forever.



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