

MISSALETTE



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Love in Action: Serving with the Heart of Christ

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We recall our call to follow Christ and the beauty of vocations to the ordained ministry and the consecrated life. As members of His flock, we are entrusted with fostering and supporting new vocations. In this Holy Mass, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send holy and generous laborers into His vineyard—shepherds after the heart of the Risen Christ, who gave His life for the sheep. May those He calls answer each day with a faithful and generous “yes.”

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

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

Cf. Ps 33 (32):5-6

GREETING

P – May grace and peace of Jesus, the “Good Shepherd,” be with you all.

All – **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – Gathered together around our Divine Good Shepherd, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask his forgiveness and strength. (Pause)

P – Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who

laid down your life for us. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – Lord Jesus, we are the sheep that have often gone astray. Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – Lord Jesus, we have failed to appreciate and support the junior shepherds you sent to guide us. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All – **Amen.**

GLORIA

All – Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

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we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P—Almighty ever-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,
 God for ever and ever.
All— Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

R— A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**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.**

The word of the Lord.
All—Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R— *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
 I shall want.*

R. M. Velez



The Lord is my shep-herd; there



is no-thing I shall want!

- * The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
 beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my soul. **R.**
- * 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. **R.**
- * You spread the table before me
 in the sight of my foes.
 You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows. **R.**
- * 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. **R.**

2nd Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

R— A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.

The word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

All – Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

P – The Lord be with you.
All – And with your spirit.
P – A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith
(Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P – Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, never leaves His flock untended. In every age, He calls generous hearts to be living signs and messengers of His love. Today, let us pray in a special way for those who represent Him among us and for all who are called to fulfill this role and serve in His name. Let us pray:

All – Jesus, Good Shepherd, hear us.

C – For the whole Church: may She be blessed with many holy and generous priests and religious, and consecrated men and women whose example inspires the faithful and leads them closer to God. Let us pray. **R.**

C –For the Holy Father, our bishops, and priests: may they be living signs of God’s patience, tender care, and faithful love for all His people. Let us pray. **R.**

C – For all parents, teachers, and civil authorities: may they remain faithful to their mission of guiding and serving the good of those entrusted to their care. Let us pray. **R.**

C –For vocation promoters and all who serve in formation houses: may their prayers and efforts bring to the Church the faithful young shepherds She needs. Let us pray. **R.**

P –Lord Jesus, send holy priests and religious and consecrated men and women to shepherd Your Church. Like You, the Good Shepherd, may they carry on Your work of love and compassion and guide us toward holiness. You who live and reign forever and ever.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All –May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P– Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.
All– Amen.

PREFACE OF EASTER III

P –The Lord be with you.
All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.
All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All–It is right and just.

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to praise you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. He never ceases to offer himself for us

but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you:

he is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:
All – Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts . . .

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P – The mystery of faith.
All – We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

All–Our Father . . .

P –Deliver us, Lord . . .

All –For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All–Lamb of God . . .

COMMUNION

P – Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.
All – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P –Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
All–Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P –The Lord be with you.

All –And with your spirit.

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All –Amen.

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your
life.

All –Thanks be to God,



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