



# EUCHALETTE



11 May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

MOTHER'S DAY

## One Flock Under One Shepherd

*To be a shepherd of God's people demands purity of intention and heart. It requires total dedication to the point of being ready to lay down one's life for the good of the sheep, following in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.*

*As members of God's flock, we can expect all this of our shepherds, but we also have the duty to pray for them and to support them in all their worthy enterprises. We also have the duty to promote and sustain new vocations to priestly and religious life. We must pray that God's flock may never lack holy representatives of the Eternal Shepherd. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let this be the main intention for which we offer this Eucharist.*

*Today is also "Mother's Day." With all our heart we pray for all mothers throughout the world, but especially for our own and all Filipino mothers.*



### 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** – In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**All–Amen!**

**P** – Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**All–And with your spirit!**

#### Penitential Act

**P** – Brethren, let us call to mind

our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. *(Pause)*

**P** – Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, you laid down your life for the salvation of all mankind. Lord, have mercy!

**All–Lord, have mercy!**

**P** – You appointed your apostles and their successors to take care of your flock through the centuries. Christ, have mercy!

**All–Christ, have mercy!**

**P** – You continue sending men and women to minister to your flock throughout the world. 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, 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.

He, 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 13:14.43-52**  
*Today's episode is of fundamental importance in the history of evangelization, since it marks the decision to start preaching the Gospel to the pagans. The Church is meant for all nations and races.*

**R** –A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath, they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath, almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and, with violent abuse, contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited

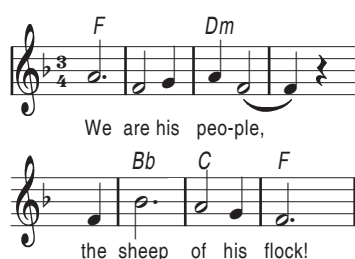
ed the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord!  
**All–Thanks be to God!**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 100

**R** –*We are his people, the sheep of his flock!*

R. M. Velez



\* Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him with joyful song. **R.**

\* Know that the Lord is God. He made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. **R.**

\* The Lord is good; his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations. **R.**

### 2nd Reading Rv 7:9.14-17

*Today's passage from the Book of Revelation describes a heavenly liturgy participated in by innumerable people from all nations and races. They are the Elect who remained faithful to Christ in time of persecution.*

**R** –A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the Elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time

of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple.

The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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**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 10:27-30

*Jesus is the eternal "Good Shepherd" who cares for his sheep and guides them to everlasting life.*

**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: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

**The Father and I are one."**

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Homily

#### Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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, (*bow*)\* **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!

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P** Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, calls generous souls to be the visible instruments of his love for his flock. Let us commend to the Lord Jesus all those who represent him among us and those called to fulfill this role. Let us say:

**All—Jesus, Good Shepherd, hear us!**

**C** —For the Universal Church: May all her members appreciate the work done by their pastors, and support them with all their resources. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For the Holy Father, the bishops, and priests: May they be, for all the faithful, the clearest signs of God's patience, concern, and love. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For all parents, teachers, and civil authorities: May they be faithful to their mission to promote the good of the persons

entrusted to them. Let us pray!

**R.**

**C** —For all mothers throughout the world, and especially our own: May they be preserved from all evil and enjoy the reward for all the good they have done to their children. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For our young people whom God calls to serve the Church as priests or religious: May they respond generously and persevere in their vocation. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For tomorrow's national and local elections: May the voters be protected from harassment; and may all election officers have the courage to resist intimidation and fraud. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For all of us: that through work, each person might find fulfillment, that families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized. Let us pray! **R.**

**P** —Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, keep guiding all those you call to the religious life and to positions of leadership in the Church. May their examples of authentic Christian life lead us closer to you who live and reign for ever 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** —O Lord, grant 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. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

#### 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, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

#### 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 pre-

cious 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** —Bow down for the blessing.  
*(Pause)*

**P** —May God, who by the Resurrection of His Only Begotten Son conferred on you the gifts of redemption and adoption, grant you gladness and peace!

**All—Amen!**

**P** —May Christ, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of forgive-

ness and grace, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —May you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

**All —Amen!**

**P** —And may the blessing of almighty God: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

**All—Thanks be to God!**

## **UNITED DESPITE DIFFERENCES**

*Kalakbay at Katoto*

**D**iversity is a fact of earthly life. The whole ecological system around which life on planet earth revolves, is based on healthy diversity. As is true for everything in this world, there is merit in diversity. There is beauty in a healthy mélange of different attributes, traits and textures.

**This is also where the beauty of what we believers refer to as the Church lies.** This is the foundation of the glorious splendor of the multi-faceted mosaic that is the Church made up of different peoples, races, colors, and nations. This is the beauty of the “miraculous catch of 153 fishes” of last week’s gospel – the miracle done by the Master Fisherman who called his fellow fishermen to the ministry of catching more than just fishes in a relatively small lake that was the “sea of Galilee.”

**The Risen Lord was doing a “show-and-tell” about what sort of mission lay in the offing for these fishermen who would soon graduate to a much higher level of ministry for the sake of a society represented by those 153 fishes.** Christ was not only showing them what it would

take to advance the mission of catching people from then on. He was building them into a unified body of believers. He was forming unity despite the diversity of characters that made up the original band of 12 close-in followers.

Although not part of the original twelve, and definitely different both in personality and style of evangelization from the twelve, Paul and Barnabas carried the torch of unity in diversity forward. Preaching in Antioch, as “*the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord,*” certain people “*contradicted what Paul said.*”

**The incipient Church was growing in diversity.** “*All who were destined to eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.*”

**In our time, although we pay lip service to diversity, there is still a whole lot of prejudice and bias against those who are different in any way.** The whole pop culture makes a virtue of conformity, and frowns on those who stick out like sore thumbs in a society that has to act and behave in exactly the same socially prescribed, though unwritten way.



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The Christianity that the Risen Christ has come back from the dead for to establish and strengthen cannot be aligned with such attitudes. All three readings today speak, not of exclusivity, but of inclusivity. All three remind us of the call to universality, to unity, despite the gross diversity between and amongst all peoples. The second reading speaks of a “*great multitude . . . from every nation, race, people and tongue . . . wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.*”

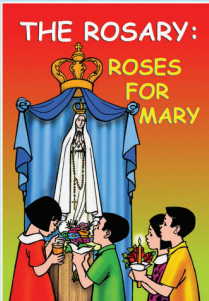
He who was the ultimate victim of an unjust and violent death, caused by the ultimate intolerance which is mankind’s sin, has paid the ultimate price for the realization of God’s

dream for all of humankind – universal salvation!

The one, big, and great human family still has a long way to go towards the realization of that vision. But between the reality of the now and the vision of God, there remains the on-going task of us all to help make this dream come true. The Trinitarian God is the ultimate way towards Christ’s vision and dream of perfect oneness between and amongst all women and men all over the world, of whatever race, culture or color. And the love between the three Persons of the Trinity is the most compelling reason for us to go and do as Jesus did, as Jesus lived, as Jesus loved: “*The Father and I are one.*”

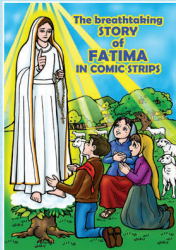
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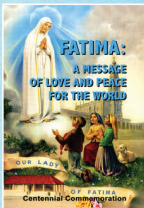


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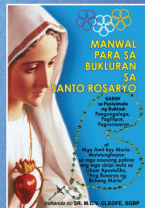
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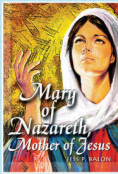
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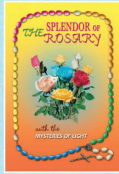
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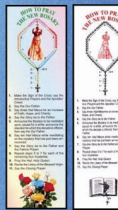
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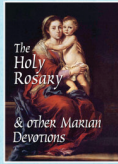
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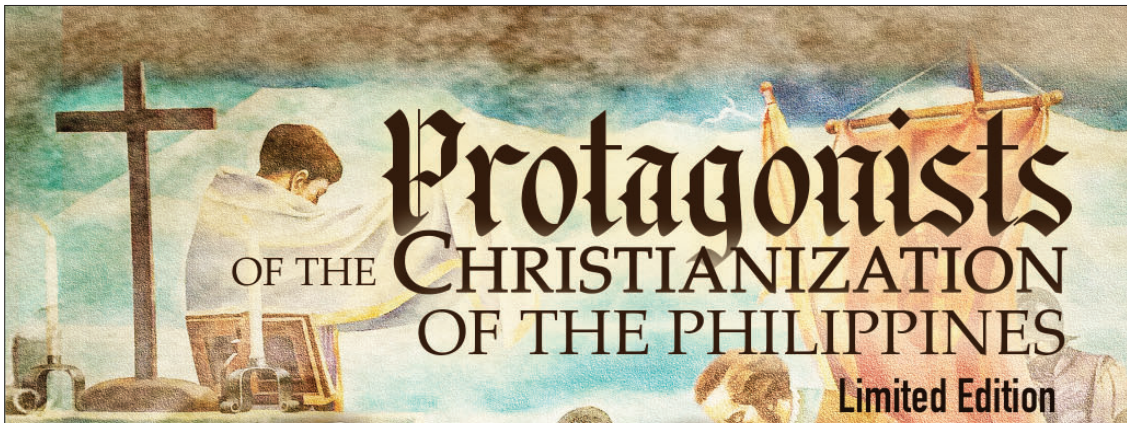
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