

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the Morning

We, your people, the flock of your pasture, / will give you thanks for ever and ever; / we will tell your praise from age to age, alleluia! (cf. Ps 79:13).

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

Meter: 76 76 D

So lately sprung from glory,
A shepherd seeks his sheep,
Across a desert country,
Through lonely rocks and steep.
A rumor fills the valleys,
Glad tidings sweep the plain,
Good news comes from the mountains:
God's Christ has come to reign.
A steady drum of thunder
Awakes the human world.
The great procession gathers
With banners all unfurled.
Each secret heart's allegiance
Is suddenly made known—
As "Holy, holy, holy!"
Rings round the heav'nly throne.
Sing praise to God the Father,
Creator of the earth.
Praise to his Son, Christ Jesus,
Whose blood gives us new birth.
Praise to the Holy Spirit,
Who speeds us on our way
Through halls of shining glory
To God's eternal day.

Psalm

84:2-8

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (Jn 10:27)

Let us listen for his voice in the Word of God proclaimed to us during the Eucharist, and in those appointed to lead us in his name, that after we have passed through the dark valley, we may join with all the angels and saints in singing, "Holy, holy, holy" around God's throne!

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy

to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.
They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.
As they go through the Bitter Valley
they make it a place of springs,
the autumn rain covers it with blessings.
They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Zion.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Numbers 27:15-17

Moses said to the Lord, "May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all mankind, set over the community a man who shall act as their leader in all things, to guide them in all their actions; that the Lord's community may not be like sheep without a shepherd."

Be attentive to him and heed his voice. (Ex 23:21)

Canticle of Zechariah

God brought forth his people like sheep; / he guided his flock in the desert. / He led them safely with nothing to fear. (cf. Ps 78:52-53)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on

