

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
**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! (Ps  
79:13)*

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

**Hymn** **Meter 77 77 D**

Christ the Lord is risen today;  
Christians, haste your vows to pay;  
Offer ye your praises meet  
At the Paschal Victim's feet.  
For the sheep the Lamb has bled,  
Sinless in the sinner's stead;  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high,  
Now he lives no more to die.  
Christ, who once for sinners bled,  
Now the first-born from the dead,  
Throned in endless might and power,  
Lives and reigns forevermore.  
Hail, eternal Hope on high!  
Hail, thou King of victory!  
Hail, thou Prince of life adored!  
Help and save us, gracious Lord.

**Psalm** **86:9-13**

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

(Jn 10:27)

*To follow in the footsteps of our Shepherd is to pass  
through the valley of death into the glory of life lived  
to the full in his presence. Let us pray always for the  
reassurance of his guiding hand and of his word,  
spoken through the word we will hear in today's  
Eucharistic liturgy and through those appointed to  
lead us in his name.*

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvelous deeds,  
you who alone are God.  
Show me, Lord, your way  
so that I may walk in your truth.

Guide my heart to fear your name.  
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart  
and glorify your name for ever;  
for your love to me has been great:  
you have saved me from the depths of the grave.  
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.*

(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 high shall break upon us, to shine on  
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

Let us pray for all who have been appointed to the task of shepherd in the Church:

**R/** O Shepherd of Israel, hear us.

O Shepherd of all shepherds, guide and strengthen our Holy Father,

– that he may always shepherd your flock in the image of Christ: **R/**

O Shepherd of all shepherds, inspire our local bishops, – that they may lead your people safely with nothing to fear: **R/**

O Shepherd of all shepherds, be with our local pastors, – that they may care for the lost: **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*O God our Shepherd, you care for your flock across every desert and through every dark place. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, seek out and restore those who have lost their way, that we may all come together into the glory of the Kingdom of your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Reading 1 Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

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 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.

## Reading 2 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

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.”

## Gospel John 10:27-30

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.”

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### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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