

Lectio Divina

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| > Read and re-read , out loud and slowly the Gospel | > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition |
| > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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April 22nd 2018 4th Sunday of Easter - Year B - John 10: 11 -18

In This week's Gospel we read of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus describes himself not as a King or great leader but as a Good Shepherd. He is the humble caretaker of the flock that depend on him for survival. The Good Shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. He is at the service of his sheep. To be a good shepherd we must go out from our comfort zone in order to reach all people. To be of service to people we must not remain indoors, watching from a distance hoping all will be ok. We must be out among the people in order to help and protect them.

What kind of shepherds are we? Do we trust in the power of Christ who is working us to help us sow the seeds of God's Kingdom?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for all who give themselves to the service of your people as their good shepherds.

Forgive us for the times we failed to leave our comfort zones, staying indoors rather than mixing with the sheep and as Pope Francis said " being shepherds with the smell of sheep".

Help us to show some of the characteristics and traits of our Father in heaven by thinking and acting in a God like manner.

