

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
LAUDES – PSALMS**

Ant. 1 I shall not die but live and proclaim the works of the Lord. Alleluia

PSALM 118

1. Alleluia !
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
For his love endures forever!
2. Let the sons of Israel say
His love endures forever!
1. Let the sons of Aaron say
His love endures forever!
2. Let those who fear the Lord say
His love endures forever!
1. I called the Lord in my distress;
He answered and freed me.
2. The Lord is at my side; I do not fear
What can man do against me?
The Lord is at my side as my helper
I shall look down on my foes.
1. It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in men
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in princes.
2. The nations all encompassed me;
In the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me, compassed me about
In the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees
They blazed like a fire among thorns
In the Lord's name I crushed them.
1. I was hard-pressed and was falling
But the Lord came to help me
The Lord is my strength and my song
He is my savior.
2. There are shouts of joy and victory
In the tents of the just.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed
His right hand raised me
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1. I shall not die, I shall live
And recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord
But not doomed to die.

Ant. 3 Give honor and praise to our God; all that

2. Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
1. This is the Lord's own gate
Where the just may enter.
2. I will thank you for you have answered me
And you are my savior.
1. The Stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone
This is the work of the Lord
A marvel in our eyes.
2. This is the day made by the Lord
We rejoice and are glad.
O Lord grant us salvation; O Lord grant us success
1. Blessed in the name of the Lord
Is he who comes
We bless you from the house of the Lord
The Lord God is our light.
2. Go forward in procession with branches
Even to the altar.
1. You are my God, I thank you
My God, I praise you
2. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
For his love endures forever.

ALL: Glory.....

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CANTICLE Dn 3,52-57

Ant. 2 Blessed be your holy and glorious name, O Lord. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers
Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.
And blessed is your holy and glorious name
Praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.
Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
Praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.
Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom
Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever
Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven
Praiseworthy and glorious forever.
Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

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PSALM 150

1. Praise God in his holy place
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
Praise his surpassing greatness.
2. O praise him with sound of trumpet
Praise him with lute and harp
Praise him with timbrel and dance
Praise him with strings and pipes
1. O praise him with resounding cymbals
Praise him with clashing of cymbals,
2. Let everything that lives and that breathes
Give praise to the Lord.

ALL: Glory...

Ant. 3 Give honor and praise to our God; all that he does is perfect and all his ways are true. Alleluia

I Am the Good Shepherd



INTRODUCTION

This coming Sunday's liturgy puts before our eyes the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. Also this Sunday is dedicated to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

READINGS

FIRST READING – Acts 2,14.36-41

- ★ We continue to read the speech of Peter the day of Pentecost.
- ★ The Reading this coming Sunday begins again with verse 14 as the introduction to what will follow.
- ★ On verses 36-41 Peter accuses the people to have crucified Jesus, but at the same time he tells them that the Father has raised him up and made him Lord and Messiah.
- ★ His words moved them and they asked him "what do we have to do?"
- ★ Peter answers:
 - Repent
 - Be baptized and
 - You will receive the Holy Spirit
- ★ We read that a great number were baptized and became members of the community of the followers of Jesus.

Peter's exhortation is valid for us today

- **Repent, to begin and follow a journey of conversion all the days of our life**
- **Maybe we have been baptized when we were babies, before we could sin or repent, but now is the right time to let the Lord act in us through our baptism. Baptism makes possible our daily conversion.**
- **The Holy Spirit who came upon us in our baptism and in our confirmation, continues to guide us and makes possible our daily conversion, so that we can live the richness of our baptism.**

SECOND READING 1Pt 2,20-25

We continue the reading of this beautiful letter of Peter. He invites us to contemplate the life of our Master; a life that was a continuous gift of himself to us with unconditional love

- ✚ The suffering because we are disciples of Jesus, is the greatest gift that we may receive from our Master.
- ✚ Christ has given us an example, when he was insulted he returned no insult; when he suffered he did not threaten
- ✚ He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that dead with him on the cross, we might live for justice.

- ✚ Justice like the justice of our Father God, justice which is love and tenderness towards every human being. This justice will give us eyes and heart to see the injustices that our brothers and sisters suffer all over the world, and will also give hands to help and look for solutions according to our possibilities.
- ✚ His wounds have healed us.
- ✚ And they have made possible our return to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

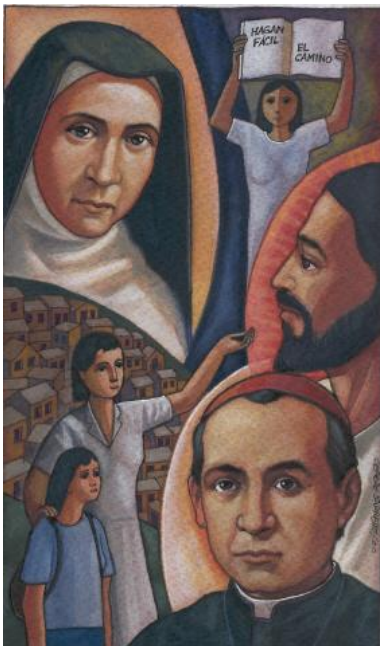
Let us tell our Master Jesus that we want to know him better. Not to know him through books, lectures and classes, but we want to know him with our heart. Let us take a few minutes to dialogue with him, and let us ask him “Lord let me know you more and more every day.”

GOSPEL Jn 10,1-10

- We find in different books of the Old Testament, this tender and moving image of Yahweh as shepherd of the people of Israel, Is 40,11.
- John tells us that the Lord explained to them a parable about a shepherd. They could understand because they were used to see shepherds, sheep and flocks in that region.
 - The shepherd enters through the door, those who do not enter through the door are thieves.
 - The sheep know only the voice of the shepherd.
 - He leads them out and they follow him.
 - But they will not follow a stranger.
- Since they did not understand what he was trying to teach them he spoke clearly:
 - He said that he is the door – The sheepfolds of that region did not have doors. They were made in the shape of a semicircle with an opening for the sheep to go out and in. At night the shepherd would lay down at the entrance of the fold, so that if the wolf would come, the shepherd would be the first the wolf would encounter. In this way the sheep were secure and safe.
- The sheep have not listen to the voice of those who have come as thieves.
- He goes in through the door, the sheep are free to go in and out.
- Jesus is the good shepherd, he has come so that we may have life abundantly.

Let us listen to a song: Shepherd me O God

CLARETIAN CORNER



We imagine how happy you must be to have been wounded to teach the holy law of our Lord Jesus Christ, my self and all the sisters your daughters we want to participate in the great reward that our Lord Jesus Christ will give to you. Remember that once we agree that we would split the spoils. May God grant to us the joy to seal our life shedding our blood in confirmation of the holy law of the Lord! (Vble. Ma.Antonia Paris, Founder of the Claretian Missionary Sisters, Letter to Claret 2/28/1856).

... a man came to me. It seemed that he wanted to kiss my ring, but he drew a shaving razor and wounded me from the ear to the chin, cutting my cheek to the inside of the mouth, probably with the intention to cut the jugular vein; I tried to cover my face, so I was also wounded on my right arm. I was bathed in blood. The surgeons came immediately and helped me. By the mercy of God I am almost completely cured. They arrested the man on the spot; I forgave him and said in a loud voice that I forgave him and prayed to God for him. I begged the authorities not to punish him. O, most Holy Father! Jesus and Mary gave me so many sweet consolations during that night, that it is impossible to explain them.! (St. Anthony Ma. Claret, Founder of the Claretian Missionary Sisters, Letter to Pope Pius IX 2/23/1856)