

4th Sunday of Easter

MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT the Gospels we are told not to worry and not to be afraid because God loves us and is always with us to guide and to help. While this is comforting, it can be, at the same time, a challenging message for us to live by in these trying times.

In today's Gospel we are once again comforted and also challenged. It is comforting to remember that we are compared to sheep who have a loving shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep.

As this Gospel tells us, Jesus' love and care extend to other sheep, not of this fold. We are, therefore, encouraged by Jesus to extend our care, not only to

our close neighbours, but also to all of planet Earth: that is, the whole community of creation. This can, indeed, be a challenge.

As we ponder our role to be good shepherds at this time in history, we know how difficult it can be, especially in light of the climate crisis we are now facing. However, Jesus promises us that he will be with us, helping us to walk in his footsteps, however challenging that may be.

We can, therefore, be comforted while we work for justice, putting our trust in God and giving God thanks.

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Roman Missal p. 390; Sunday Lectionary p. 353

Entrance Antiphon (*Cf. Psalm 32.5-6*)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Introductory Rites (*p. 5*)

Collect

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. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (*Acts 4.7-12*)

While Peter and John were speaking to the people about the resurrection of Jesus, the captain of the temple arrested them and placed them in custody.

The next day the rulers, elders and scribes assembled. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

“This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for

there is no other name under heaven given among human beings by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118) —————



R. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

or **Alleluia!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is · **good**;
his steadfast love endures · **for-ever!**

It is better to take refuge in the · **Lord**
than to put confidence · **in** humans.

It is better to take refuge in the · **Lord**
than to put confidence · **in** princes. **R.**

I thank you that you have · **answered_me**
and have become my · **sal-vation.**

The stone that the builders re-**jected**
has become the · **chief** cornerstone.

This is the Lord's · **doing**;
it is marvellous in · **our** eyes. **R.**

**R. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the · **Lord.**

We bless you from the house of · **the Lord.**

You are my God, and I will give · **thanks_to_you;**

you are my God, I will · **ex-to_l_you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is · **good,**

for his steadfast love endures · **for-ever.** R.

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Second Reading (1 John 3.1-2) —————

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (John 10.14)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (John 10.11-18) —————

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you,
O Lord.**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and

leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Profession of Faith (p. 9)

Prayer of the Faithful

The following intentions are suggestions only. There are more suggestions at www.livingwithchrist.ca

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who bring the Spirit of God to us each day, we pray to the Lord: R.

For the world as it continues to struggle to find peace, we pray to the Lord: R.

In gratitude for all the special people in our lives who have acted as mentors and guides, we pray to the Lord: R.

For this flock, called together by the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord: R.

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Preparation of the Gifts (p. 11)

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, 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. **Amen.**

Preface (Easter, p. 12)

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing (Optional, p. 59)

Dismissal (p. 28)

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Roman Missal 391; Lectionary 279

or **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

This title honouring Mary appears early in Christian history.
See p. 153.

Entrance Antiphon

(Rom 6) **Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.**

Collect

O God, perfect light of the blessed, by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth, bring us, we pray, to rejoice in the full measure of your grace for ages unending. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Acts 11.1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed

animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

“At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’

“And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just

as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 42)

**R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.
or Alleluia! Alleluia!**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul thirsts for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? R.

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. R.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. R.

Acclamation (John 10)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel ————— (John 10.1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them

out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given

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her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Jn 20) **Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children. —St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

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Roman Missal 392; Lectionary 280

Entrance Antiphon

(Rev 19) **Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.**

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection, we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Acts 11.19-26)

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus

and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.

News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 87)

R. All you nations, praise the Lord.

or **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

On the holy mount stands the city the Lord founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. **R.**

Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia “This one was born there,” they say. And of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in it”; for the Most High himself will establish it. **R.**

The Lord records, as he registers the peoples, “This one was born there.” Singers and dancers alike say, “All my springs are in you.” **R.**

Acclamation (John 10)

Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep listen to me, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(John 10.22-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, 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. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Lk 24) **The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Hear, O Lord, our prayers, that this most holy exchange, by which you have redeemed us, may bring your help in this present life and ensure for us eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A soul enkindled with love is a gentle, meek,
bumble and patient soul. —St. John of the Cross*

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Roman Missal 393; Lectionary 281

or Saint Peter Chanel

or Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

Peter Chanel was canonized as a martyr in 1954. See p. 153.
Louis Grignion was the founder of the Company of Mary, the Daughters of Wisdom and the Brothers of Saint Gabriel. See p. 155.

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 17; 21) **I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.**

Collect

O God, life of the faithful, glory of the humble, blessedness of the just, listen kindly to the prayers of those who call on you, that they who thirst for what you generously promise may always have their fill of your plenty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading (Acts 12.24 – 13.5a) —

The word of God continued to advance and gain adherents. Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 67)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

or **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

May God be gracious and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Acclamation (John 8)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(John 12.44-50)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Although Jesus had performed so many signs in the presence of the people, they did not believe in him.

Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

“I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this

sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Jn 15) **I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mother Mary is an echo of God, speaking and repeating only God. —St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Memorial

Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Missal 832; Lectionary 282

This great Christian mystic was canonized in 1461, became a patron of Italy in 1939, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. See p. 155.

Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of your Church, grant, through her intercession, that your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of his glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Acts 13.13-25)

Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it."

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this

people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, God made David their king. In his testimony about David, God said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'

"Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work,

he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 89)

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
or Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. R.

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. R.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his name shall be exalted. He shall cry to me, "You

are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!" R.

Acclamation (*Revelation 1*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; you have loved us and washed away our sins in your blood. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(*John 13.16-20*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had washed the feet of the disciples, he returned to the table and said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before

it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the saving sacrifice we offer in commemoration of Saint Catherine, so that, instructed by her teaching, we may give ever more fervent thanks to you, the one true God. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface (*Easter, p. 12 or V&R, p. 14*)

Communion Antiphon

(*Cf. 1 Jn 1*) **If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, alleluia.**

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Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly table at which we have been fed, O Lord, confer eternal life upon us, as even

in this world it nourished the life of Saint Catherine. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The soul is in God and God in the soul, just as the fish is in the sea and the sea in the fish. —St. Catherine of Siena

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Memorial

Saint Marie of the Incarnation

Roman Missal 833/1104; Lectionary 283

The first missionary woman to the New World, Marie was canonized on April 2, 2014. See p. 157.

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Hos 2) **The Lord has taken her as his bride for ever in faithfulness and mercy, alleluia.**

Collect

O Lord, our God, who led Saint Marie of the Incarnation

to contemplate the wonder of the Trinity and filled her heart with apostolic zeal, grant that, with her as our intercessor and guide, we may live as witnesses to your love, so that those who come to know, love, and serve you may constantly grow in

number. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading —————
(Acts 13.26-33)

When Paul and his companion reached Antioch, they went to the synagogue. Paul was invited to address the people, so he stood up and began to speak.

“My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize Jesus or understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

“But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you.’”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 2)

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.
or **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.” I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.” **R.**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash

them in pieces like a potter's vessel." R.

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and with trembling. R.

Acclamation (John 14)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (John 14.1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. During the supper he said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not

so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God, who were pleased to create in Saint Marie the New Man in your image, the old having passed away, graciously grant, we pray, that, renewed like her, we may offer you the acceptable sacrifice of conciliation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface (*Easter, p. 12 or V&R, p. 14*)

Communion Antiphon
(*Cf. Lam 3*) **The Lord is my portion: he is good to the soul that seeks him, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, Lord, we pray, lead us always in your love, through the example of Saint Marie, and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in us until the day of Christ Jesus. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ Our Lord be forever the sole possessor of our hearts, as he will be, if we love and seek only him in all things. —St. Marie of the Incarnation

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Roman Missal 396; Lectionary 284

or **Saint Joseph the Worker**

or **Saint Pius V**

Saint Joseph the Worker exemplifies working people, dignified by their labour, who bring Christ into the workplace. See p. 173. Kind and generous in his private life, Pius is nevertheless remembered as an austere and severe person. See p. 173.

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. 1 Pet 2) **O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.**

Collect

O God, who in the celebration of Easter graciously give to the world the healing of heavenly remedies, show benevolence to your Church, that our present observance may benefit us for eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading ————— *(Acts 13.44-52)*

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul.

Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be

unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region.

But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium.

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 98)

**R. All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving power
of God.**

or Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have won him victory. *R.*

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. *R.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. *R.*

Acclamation *(John 8)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. If you stay in my word, you will indeed be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel —————
(John 14.7-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. During the supper he said to his disciples: "If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you

do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Jn 17) **Father, I wish that, where I am, those you gave me may also be with me, that they may see the glory that you gave me, alleluia.**

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Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what

your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child and laboured at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care. —St. Francis de Sales

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