



**Sunday, 26th April 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**Readings at Mass**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 32,5-6

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

**Collect**

**A**lmighty 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.

**First Reading**

Acts 2,14. 36-41

*'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'*

**O**n the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued

to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

**R.** Alleluia. *All repeat R.*

**T**he LORD is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. **R.**

He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2,20-25

*'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.'*

**B**eloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return;



## Prayer over the Offerings

**G**rant, 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.

## Communion Antiphon

Lk 24,35

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

## Prayer after Communion

**L**ook 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.

