

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say.

"Let the whole House of Israel know beyond any doubt that God made this Jesus — whom you crucified — both Messiah and Sovereign."

When they heard this, they were deeply shaken. They asked Peter and the other disciples, "What are we to do?"

Peter replied, "You must repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name

of Jesus the Messiah, that your sins may be forgiven; then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was to you and your children that the promise was made, and to all those still far off whom Our God calls."

In support of his testimony, Peter used many other arguments and kept saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation!" They were convinced of his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptized. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

*The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.*

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

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What credit is there if you patiently endure harsh punishment as a result of your sin? But if you put up with suffering for doing what is right, this is acceptable in God's eyes. It was for this that you were called, since Christ suffered for you in just this way and left you an example. You must follow in the footsteps of Christ, who did no wrong, who spoke no deceit, who did not return insults when insulted,

who, when made to suffer, did not counter with threats. Instead, Christ trusted the One who judges justly. It was Christ's own body that brought our sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will. By Christ's wounds you are healed. At one time, you were straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

*The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.*

**ALLELUIA!**

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

**ALLELUIA!**

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — continued*

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**Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

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Jesus said,

“The truth of the matter is,  
    whoever does not enter the sheepfold through the gate  
    but climbs in some other way  
    is a thief and a robber.  
The one who enters through the gate  
    is shepherd of the sheep,  
    the one for whom the keeper opens the gate.  
The sheep know the shepherd’s voice;  
    the shepherd calls them by name and  
    leads them out.  
Having led them out of the fold,  
    the shepherd walks in front of them  
    and they follow  
    because they recognize the shepherd’s voice.  
They simply will not follow strangers —  
    they will flee from them  
    because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”

Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they did not grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again:

“The truth of the matter is,  
    I am the sheep gate.  
All who came before me  
    were thieves and marauders  
    whom the sheep did not heed.  
I am the gate.  
Whoever enters through me will be safe.  
You will go in and out and find pasture.  
The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.  
I came that you might have life, and have it to the full.”

*The Good News of Salvation!*  
*R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!*