

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Living the Resurrection: Hearing His Voice
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The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is always taken from John, Chapter 10—Jesus' teaching about the Good Shepherd.

This year, we hear the beginning:

"I am the gate... whoever enters through me will be saved."

The Risen Christ speaks not from a distance, but personally:

"The sheep hear his voice... and they follow him."

But there are other voices—
voices that distract, confuse, and pull us away.

And so Jesus makes a distinction:

"My sheep do not follow a stranger."

To live the Resurrection means learning to recognize the difference—
and choosing whom we will follow.

It means asking:

- What am I listening to?
- What is shaping my choices?
- Where is this leading me?

Because every voice leads somewhere.

Some lead us into anxiety.
Others into distraction.
Some promise more—but leave us restless and empty.

Christ leads us differently.
His voice does not overwhelm or confuse.
It draws us—steadily, faithfully—toward what is good, true, and lasting.

And this is where He leads:

"I came so that they might have life—and have it more abundantly."

Not simply to exist.
Not simply to get by.
But to live—fully, freely, and with purpose.

The Resurrection is not only that Christ is alive.
It is that He is leading us into that life.

And the question is not whether He speaks—
but whether we are following.

Reflection Question:

What voice am I following—and where is it leading me?