



The Good Shepherd

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

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Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 2:14, 36-41](#))

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter ([1 Pt 2:20-22](#))

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John ([10:1-10](#))

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.'

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. **The Gospel of the Lord**

Prayer of the Faithful

My sisters and brothers, let us entrust to the God of the crucified and risen Jesus our own needs and those of all humanity.

For the shepherds of our souls, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For the whole world, that it may truly know the peace given by Christ. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For our brothers and sisters who suffer, that their sorrow may be turned to gladness which no one can take from them. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For our brothers and sisters who cannot be present at this sacred assembly. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parish community. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For our seminarians and all those in formation to priesthood and consecrated life: that our prayers may support them in their vocations. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

For the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of the pilgrim Church, you pour out your Spirit on those who walk the road of faith. Hear our prayers and help us to recognise the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

Conclusion

Loving Father,

Your Son came to lead us to you.

Hear the prayers we make in his name, confident of your care for us at all times, but especially now.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thank you to Cora Davey for the beautiful face masks that she made and donated to parish staff and members.

WALKING GROUP at St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6:30am. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Acts 6:1-7 - 2nd Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-9, - Gospel - John 14:1-2

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and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

Recently Deceased: Edmond (Ted) Hynes, Dr Juozas Ziukelis, Fay Walsh

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad), Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, , Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Trish Seaby, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY 2020

FIRST PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS

To be prayed at end of rosary

O MARY,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father,
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

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ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER FOR END OF THE PANDEMIC

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die and the light of Easter,
the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ,
the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge,
Archbishop of Brisbane

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Shepherd You Know Us

Good Shepherd, you know us,
you call us by name.
You lead us, we gladly acknowledge your
claim.
Your voice has compelled us,
we come at your call,
and none you have chosen
will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us
of robbers and thieves,
the hireling, the wolf,
who destroys and deceives.
All praise for your promise
on which we can stand,
that no-one can snatch us
away from your hand.
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk
in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

We Gather Here O Lord

***We gather here, O Lord,
to hear Your saving word,
to feast upon this finest bread,
this richest wine out-poured.
Come, set our hearts ablaze!
Come, fill our nights and days
with purpose strong
and vision clear
and songs of thankful praise!***

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for
by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Like a Shepherd

***Refrain:
Like a shepherd
he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs
in his arms,
holding them carefully
close to his heart,
leading them home.***

Say to the cities of Judah,
"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top,
lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God." **R**

"I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue
and heal their wounds
and pasture them,
giving them rest." **R**

"Come unto me
if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke
upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest." **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

A Shepherd I'll Be To You

***Refrain
A shepherd I'll be to you,
I know your name,
I know the heart of your story.
A shepherd I'll be,
I hope you feel at home,
no matter how long
since you saw me.***

Some people think
I've lost int'rest in them,
just because
they've got dust on their clothes,
or because on the track some
where something was said
that made them feel sheep
with out homes. **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne,
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood, "Jesus, out of
every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

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Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible
and invisible.**

**I believe in one
Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**