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Fourth Sunday of Easter – C



Introduction:

Among the many voices that surround and beckon us, how do we discern God's voice? Which is the voice of the Good Shepherd? While we may know about the Shepherd from our reading of the Scriptures, it is only our personal experience of Him, led by the Spirit, that will help us truly recognise His voice. So, if we are listening, even when we may tend to stray, we can be assured of hearing the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us by name and guiding us safely back to the flock. In the midst of our everyday bustle, do we stop to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow as He leads?

Readings: First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5
Second Reading: Rev 7:9, 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we thank our loving Father for giving us His Son, as our Good Shepherd who guides and protects us, and cares for our every need, we bring before Him the needs of our world as we pray: **Loving Father, hear our prayer**

That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and Church leaders may echo the voice of the Good Shepherd, reaching out especially to those who have gone astray ... (*Brief silent pause*) ... we ask this in faith.

That all policies and legislations of the leaders of nations and those in governance may stem from genuine concern for the well-being and development of the citizens especially the vulnerable ... (*Brief silent pause*) ... we ask this in faith.

That those being victimized in different ways for courageously living the Gospel values may find strength in Christ who never abandons His flock ... (*Brief silent pause*)... we ask this in faith.

That each of us, following the example of the Good Shepherd, may in turn seek to be guides, protectors, healers, peacemakers and caregivers in our communities and in society ... (*Brief silent pause*) ... we ask this in faith.

That God our Father may listen to the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts ... (*Longer silent pause*) ... we ask this in faith.

Celebrant: We pray, that in all we do, we may stay attuned to the voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.