



## LECTIONARY

### FIRST READING

#### ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

#### PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through

the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



5 You spread a table before  
me in the presence of  
those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my  
head with oil,  
and my cup is running  
over.

6 Surely your goodness  
and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord for ever.

## SECOND READING

### 1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *"Seek Ye First"*

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Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

## GOSPEL



### JOHN 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Prayers of the People

*After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together*

Please respond to each of these prayers with the phrase:

**Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially the church of Bendel in Nigeria;

We Pray... **Christ hear us!**

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially St Mary's in Phoenix;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our nation, may God's mercy and blessings be upon the victims of violent weather throughout the Midwest and South;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our world, asking God to inspire world leaders for an easing of tensions on the Korean Peninsula;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, giving thanks to God for the quick containment of the Sawmill Fire;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

*Pause for people to mention names then say:*

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

*Pause for people to mention names then say:*

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**