



# Revised Common Lectionary

## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*

### **THE COLLECT**

**O** God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever.

*Amen.*

### **FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47**

**T**hey 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. 46Day 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, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

## **PSALM: Psalm 23**

1 **T**he 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 forever.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**F**or 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Hymn: 46*

***“Lift up Your Heads”***  
**vs 1** (*before reading*)  
**vs 4, 5** (*following reading*)

**THE GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to:

**John 10:1-10***People: Glory to You Lord Christ*

“**V**ery 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 hears 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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord      *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

***ALL ARE WELCOME to receive God's blessing at Holy Communion.***

***To receive communion, please come to the Altar Rail.***

***Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are also available***

***If you are unable to come forward to receive, let an usher know, and the priest will bring communion to you. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms across your chest at the Altar Rail***



## ***PRAYERS***

***People on our prayer list are posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up for them each weeknight at Compline, by the Daughter's of the King, and in the Sunday Service. Please contact the office with your requests and updates.***