

The Second Sunday after Easter.

The Collect.

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34: 11-16

The Old Testament Lesson is written in the 34th Chapter of the Book of Ezekiel beginning at the 11th verse:

¹¹ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

¹² As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

¹³ And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

¹⁴ I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵ I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁶ I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Here endeth the Old testament Lesson

Psalm 23. Dominus regit me. pb pg 368

We will recite Psalm 23 responsively by the whole verse:

THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me
forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence
of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head
with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost...

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Epistle. 1 St. Peter ii. 19-25

The Epistle is written in the 2nd Chapter of 1st. Peter beginning at the 19 verse:

THIS is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward
God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory
is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it
patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take

it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteously: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Here endeth the New Testament Lesson

The Gospel. St. John x. 11-16

The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th Chapter of John beginning at the 11th verse:

Glory be to thee, O Lord

JESUS said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and know my sheep, and am known of mine, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ