

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

Background: In every cycle, this Sunday presents us with Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In a way this Sunday is therefore a pivot. As Psalm 23 declares, the Shepherd both feeds us (last Sunday's theme) and guides us in the right path (the coming Sundays' theme). Yet, in line with the selection from 1 Peter, early Christian art portrays the Good Shepherd not as carrying an ordinary crook but rather a cross.

Some Discussion Questions

1. When have you heard the voice of Jesus calling you? How has he called you by name?
2. When has he guided you and kept you safe even when you were straying?
3. What better place do you hope that he is leading you?
4. Peter says that we are healed by Christ's wounds. Who are the people who have brought healing to your wounds? Whom have you helped heal?

Practice: Whom do I need to reach out to in my world? The elderly in the neighborhood? The immigrant family down the block? The parish St. Vincent de Paul group?

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