

**First Reading:** A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.  
As a shepherd tends his flock  
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,  
so will I tend my sheep.  
I will rescue them from every place where they were  
scattered  
when it was cloudy and dark.  
I myself will pasture my sheep;  
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.  
The lost I will seek out,  
the strayed I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
the sick I will heal,  
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,  
shepherding them rightly.  
As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,  
I will judge between one sheep and another,  
between rams and goats..

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,

when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

When everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected  
to the one who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,

and all the angels with him,

he will sit upon his glorious throne,

and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,

as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of  
the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me,

ill and you cared for me,

in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,

or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,

or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'  
Then he will say to those on his left,  
'Depart from me, you accursed,  
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.  
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,  
naked and you gave me no clothing,  
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'  
Then they will answer and say,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty  
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,  
and not minister to your needs?'  
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of these least ones,  
you did not do for me.'  
And these will go off to eternal punishment,  
but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,  
OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.  
I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,  
BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.  
GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT,  
TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,  
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL  
WITH THE FATHER;  
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.  
FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION  
HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,  
AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE  
OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
AND BECAME MAN.  
FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED  
UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED,  
AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.  
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY  
TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD  
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE,  
WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,  
WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON  
IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED,  
WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS.  
I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC,  
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.  
I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS  
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.  
AMEN.

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly  
to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

*Amen.*