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**St. Mary of the Assumption  
Roman Catholic Church**

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 18th, 2021**

**Processional**

***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

Text: 87 87; Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863. alt. Music: *Oude in Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlieties en Contredansen, ca. 1710.*

1. *There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*
2. *For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word, and our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*
3. *Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep? There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.*
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**Kyrie**

**Gloria**

**First Reading**

Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 23

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

## Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.*

## Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

**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,

*(All bow during these two lines)*

***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.**

**Universal Prayer**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Offertory**

**Because the Lord is My Shepherd**

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1. *Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams. He restores my soul and he leads me in the path that are right:*

***Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.***

2. *And when the road leads to darkness, I shall walk there unafraid. Even when death is close I have courage, for your help is there. You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way:*

3. *In love you make me a banquet for my enemies to see. You make me welcome, pouring down honor from your mighty hand, and this joy fills me with gladness; it is too much to bear:*

4. *Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know. Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life. I shall dwell in your presence forever, giving praise to your name:*

**Sanctus / Holy Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Amen**

**Our Father**

**Agnus Dei / Lamb of God**

**Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion (Prayer for Act of Spiritual Communion)**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

## **Communion Hymn Shepherd Me, O God**

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***Shepherd me, O god, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.***

- 1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*
- 2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.*
- 3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.*
- 4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*
- 5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forever more.*

## **Recessional Lead Me, Lord**

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- 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.*

***Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.***

- 2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.*
- 3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.*

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