



3rd Sunday of Easter

The Good Shepherd

Bible Story (John 10:1-16)

Jesus said, “I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice.”

Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant.

So Jesus said again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.

I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

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St Matthew & St Wilfrid's Sheep Challenge!

Jesus reminds us all that he is our Good Shepherd, he will protect us and care for us. Right how that's good news for us all to hear as we live in a world of worry.

Our activity this week is a challenge for you all, what we want to see are the best sheep you can make us – we have put some ideas on the sheet but I am sure you could come up with something even more special.

You might want to do some craft, draw, paint a picture or even bake a cake or something totally different! We would love to see how you respond to our Sheep Challenge and would love to post photos of our sheep on our FB pages asking the Vicar if he would judge and find us a winner!

Send your photos to vicar@stmstw.org or post them on our FB pages or message them to us by 4pm on Sunday 3rd May 2021– we can't wait!

Here are some ideas!



Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus.

We thank you that you are the Good Shepherd and we are your sheep

We thank you that you love us and care for us

We pray that you will protect us and those who we love

Amen