

1st reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations;  
He will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces.  
The reproach of his people He will remove  
from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord!      --Thanks be to God.

Psalm response

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

Beside restful waters he leads me,

He refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths

for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil, for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff you give me courage!

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.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

2nd reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who dies, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord!

--Thanks be to God.