

1st reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction,
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them to be worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love.

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with the elect.

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

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord!

--Thanks be to God.