

1st reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the crown for men,
and an unsullied life the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;
He who lived among sinners was transported --
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind,
or deceit beguile his soul.
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long
career,
for his soul was pleasing for the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw him and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

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 Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order. Christ is the first fruits. Then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord!

--Thanks be to God.