

1st reading

A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace,
 I have forgotten what happiness is.
I tell myself my future is lost,
 all that I hoped for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty
 is wormwood and gall.
Remembering it over and over
 leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
 as my reason to have hope.

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
 His mercies are not spent.
They are renewed each morning,
 so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul,
 therefore will I hope in Him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him,
 to the soul that seeks Him.
It is good to hope in silence
 for the saving help of the Lord.

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

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has power over Him.

The Word of the Lord!

--Thanks be to God.