

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

Young Adult

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 first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is incorruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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