

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B May 9, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Sheep move slowly, chew on things repeatedly before digesting them, and stay close to one another. They remember the face and voice of their shepherd. God invites us to be like sheep: to chew on things, stay close together, and listen for the voice of our shepherd. God invites us into green pastures to know the love of our Good Shepherd.

*SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10

* OPENING HYMN: 139.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs 1,3&5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The risen Christ inspires his followers to grow in faith through their fellowship with each other.

People: Church life is vital to our Christian maturity, both in our relationship to God, and to each other.

Leader: Christian fellowship, inspired by our Lord's presence, bears fruit in his Kingdom, as the Lord adds to his church.

People: May the risen Christ inspire such love in our congregation, that others will see Christ in us, and become a part of Christ's church.

* Let us pray (Congregation):

Most gracious Father, whose risen Son continues to inspire his church with faith and love: Bind us together in Christian love; that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your Spirit will bring others into your church. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

469..... Jesus Is All the World to Me

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)

Our hearts are still warmed by the presence of our risen Lord, Father. But we are such busy people, that we fear too soon we will lose the glory we now feel. Forgive us when we have scheduled ourselves out of the fellowship of Christian friends, where we find strength from the presence of Christ. Convince us of our mutual need to share our faith and love with each other, that others may be added to our Christian community. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

548 In Christ There Is No East or West

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when we stray like sheep,
the Good Shepherd finds us and brings us home.
Through Christ, we are forgiven.

*SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "What do to do, After Easter"

* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 2226 Bind Us Together (2X)

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

* CLOSING HYMN: # 666..... Shalom to You

* DISMISSAL BLESSING

1st Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10 (NKJV)

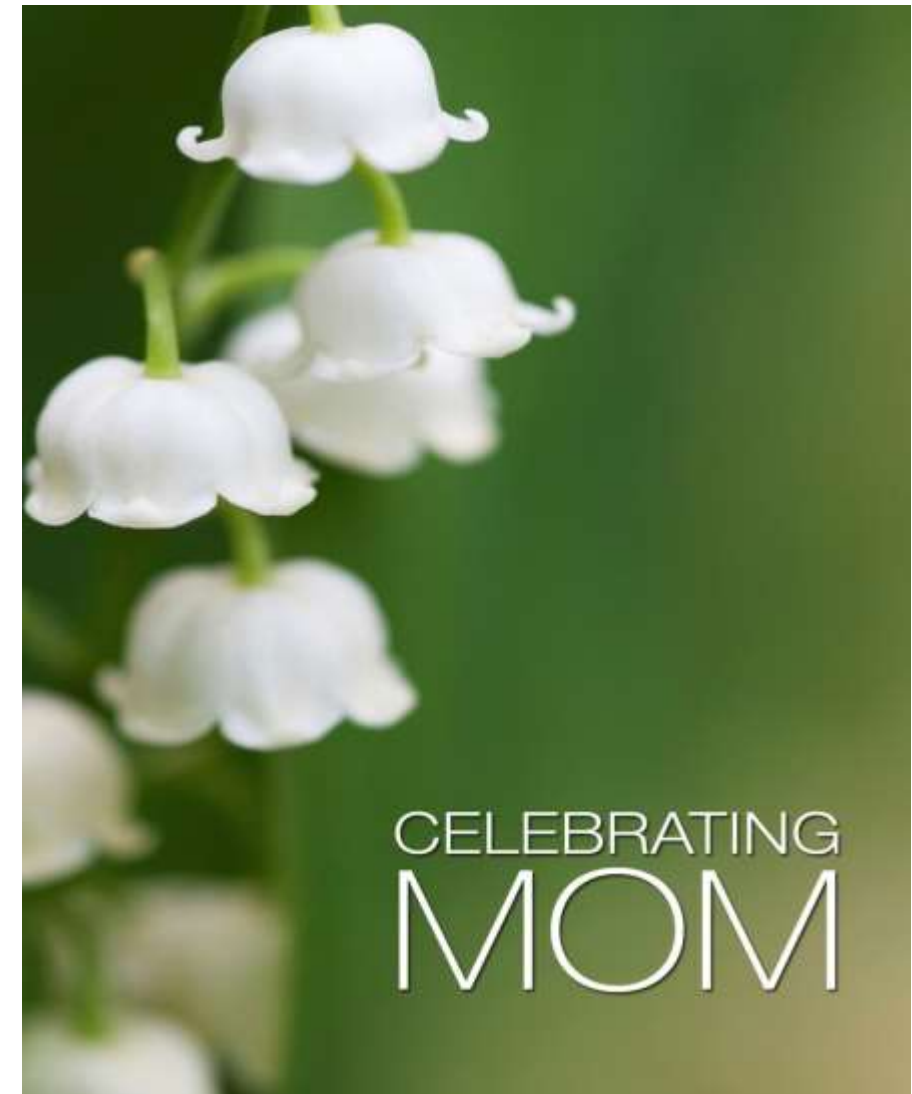
10 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." **6** Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who ever came ^{to} before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' ^{to} doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and ^{to} sold their possessions and goods, and divided ^{to} them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added ^{to} the church daily those who were being saved.



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