

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C
Sunday, April 21, 2013

Readings: 1) Acts 13:14, 43-52 2) Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 3) John 10:27-30

The focus for today's Mass:

The *sheep* of Jesus are cherished beyond comprehension!

In today's readings:

In Acts, Paul and Barnabas tell jealous Jews they are to be *a light to the Gentiles*.

In Revelation, John tells of a vision where a crowd from every nation, race, people, and tongue gathers before the throne of God and is shepherded by the lamb never to hunger or thirst again.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives his sheep eternal life and they will never perish.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Each of us, through our Baptism, was claimed for Christ; he knows each of us by name. With trust, let us offer our prayers for the needs of the world.

**For all who shepherd God's people,
 that they may care for them as the Eternal Shepherd does,**
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For world and local leaders,
 that they may watch over the people in their charge with true justice and compassion,**
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all who have died,
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all who are ill,
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all of us here,
 may we welcome all the ways in which God shares abundant life with us,**
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (very long pause)
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Loving and faithful God, Shepherd of ancient Israel, you sent your Son as the Shepherd of the new Covenant. Hear the pleadings of your flock. We pray through Christ our Lord.

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