

4th Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2026

Faith @ Home

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First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:18 min)

Children can watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, 德蘭社, 1:46 min.)

2. PRAY

Gather around your prayer space. If possible, have the children or youth present, create a small "corral" or sheepfold with what you have at home, whether it is small boxes, cans of food, books, etc. In the center, place a picture of you Jesus. (Make sure to leave the space open that represents a door.)

Invite everyone to begin this time of prayer by doing the Sign of the Cross together. If desired, play some instrumental music and ask everyone to close their eyes. (One adult in the group can lead the reflection by using these or similar words.)

Thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given you. Think of the words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I AM the gate". Imagine you entering through that gate into the sheepfold of Jesus. That door is the answer to all the needs we have, whether at work, at school, in the neighborhood. That door gives us the answer to all our spiritual needs, such as healing from any offenses, our need to ask for forgiveness, healing from our selfish acts, etc.

When we enter the sheepfold through the gate that is Jesus, we are entering to find protection from our good shepherd God. Give Jesus thanks for being our door to Salvation.

To close this time of prayer, invite all to listen to this song: **Because the Lord is My Shepherd** (by Christopher Walker). You can play a version of that song in your phone by clicking [here](#). (YouTube, Chris Brunelle channel, 2:59 min)

3. TALK

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of images such as the gate, the sheep, and the shepherd. Can you find other images in this Gospel? (Let people share what images they can remember from the gospel reading.)

One powerful image we hear today is that **Jesus is the GATE**. He tells us that we can enter the sheepfold of our God because he opens the doors for us. All we need to do is hear his voice.

Take time to converse with someone else about the following questions:

- Which image of the gospel do you identify with and why?
- Is there a way you can be a door for other people to find Jesus?
- How will you be recognized as a good sheep?

As family, choose one way in which you can all practice being a "door" for others to find Jesus this week.

