

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



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Homily Resources and Petitions for the Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle C (May 12, 2019)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Acts 5: All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

Psalms 100: Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

Revelation 7: For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

John 10: My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. (#202)

Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. (#207)

We are always capable of going out of ourselves toward the other...Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. (#208)

† Comment for the day:

How do we respond to the overwhelming love and care of our God? As we continue to move through the Easter Season, how are we receiving the incredible gift of Christ's salvation through His cross and resurrection? Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that, as humans, we do not always receive God's gifts with the same boundless generosity with which God bestows them. Some who heard rejoiced at the news, but others "were filled with jealousy" and wanted to hold the grace of God only for themselves. Each of us has the ability to choose – between a generous, expansive response to God's gifts to us, or a selfish, fearful one. This is not a one-time choice, but a choice we make every day, with every action we take, toward each other and toward all of God's creation. God's care for us,

and for all of God's creation, is steadfast. We belong to God just as the sheep belong to the shepherd, and God cares for us just as a loving shepherd cares for his flock. To fully participate in the joy of Christ's resurrection, we must continually move toward caring for each other and for all of God's creation with the same generous and expansive love which God has for us. Only by letting go of any attitudes of self-centeredness will we be able truly to receive the Good News of the Risen Christ.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

Option 1: That God will give all of us the grace to serve one another with courage and open hearts, let us pray to the Lord,...

Option 2: That everyone who shares life on our planet will accept Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, let us pray to the Lord,...

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