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Jesus the good shepherd

By Father Albert Shamon

Sunday's readings: (R3) John 10:11-18; (R1) Acts 4:8-12; (R2) 1 John 3:1-2.

Seven Sundays separate Easter and Pentecost. The first three Sundays of Easter focus on the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. The last four Sundays focus on His presence in the Christian community. Jesus is risen! So what? What difference does the risen Jesus make in our lives? That's the question!

The last four Sundays describe the relationship that should exist between Christ and His own, and between His own to one another. He is to us as the shepherd is to his sheep (fourth Sunday) and the vine to its branches (fifth Sunday). We are to love one another as He loves us (sixth Sunday).

Therefore, the shepherd prays for His sheep (seventh Sunday) and on Pentecost sends His Spirit. We need His prayers and His Spirit.

The first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles, because the Acts tell of the life, witness and growth of the early Church. How fitting this is, since the Acts are replayed in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and in this period of mystagogia. The second readings are from the first epistle of John, affirming the joyous faith and firm hope of the neophytes.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls Himself "the good shepherd." There were other shepherds around — false ones who allowed the flock to be destroyed and scattered (Jeremiah 23:1-2). Jesus is a good shepherd, not because He is kindly and gentle, but because "He lays down His life for His sheep." And, "I lay down my life freely."

This is not hyperbole. David did battle with both a lion and a bear in order to retrieve sheep the wild animals had taken from his father's fold. Similarly, Jesus, like a lamb, lets Himself be led to the slaughter to save the flock. His death saves because He has the power to pick up His life again. Good Friday ends in Easter.

Thus Peter affirms that the crippled man is

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saved by the name of Jesus (R1). St. John writes that those saved are called children of God in this life and are destined to be like God in the unrevealed future life (R2). And Jesus declares that He is closer to them than a shepherd is to his sheep (R3), for He gives His life for them, motivated not by money but by love.

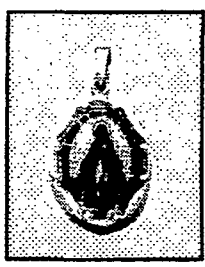

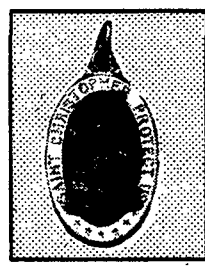
Eliza Doolittle became exasperated when Freddy Eynsford-Hill professed words of love for her. So in *My Fair Lady*, she sings: "Words! Words! Words! I'm so sick of words! ... Don't talk of love lasting through time. Make me no undying vow. Show me now! Show me!" Jesus did not just talk of His love for us, He showed us!

Our baptismal vocation is to love as Jesus did. We can experience the laying down of our life in family life. Out of love, parents will put off purchasing items for themselves in order to provide for their children. Because of love, a husband puts aside his interests to do something he knows will please his wife. In love, a mother will care for a sick child throughout the night. Love will prompt us to forget about a scheduled event when a neighbor drops in needing someone to listen and to care.

Unselfish love does not come easily. Our natural tendency is to make ourselves the center of attraction. Parents must teach children to be unselfish. To be changed into a loving person is a gradual process, but it can be done and must.

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd typifies the profound life-and-death struggle of Jesus and His intimate relationship with His disciples, calling for a like sacrifice in us.

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'Your sins are forgiven'

By Cindy Bassett

"Peter, where are you going?" Andrew called out drowsily to his brother. "It's so dark out; it must be the middle of the night."

"It is, and I'm going fishing," Peter said as he turned to leave.

"Wait, Peter, I'll go with you," Andrew said. "I wasn't really sleeping either."

By the time the brothers had prepared the fishing boat, they had been joined by John, Thomas and some of the other apostles. They were one in their silence as the boat slowly sailed out into the Sea of Galilee. Several hours later, not a single fish had been caught, yet Peter continued to cast out the lines in several places.

"This is just like the first time I met Jesus," Peter reflected. "I had been fishing all night long and was just bringing the empty boat to shore as Andrew came running up. Do you remember, Andrew?"

"How could I forget! You were in such a terrible mood because of your bad luck," Andrew joked. "But tonight you are not angry, just troubled about something."

Peter hesitated as everyone waited for an explanation. "I just can't stop thinking about that last night with Jesus in the garden," he admitted. "I promised Jesus that I would never desert him, and I failed!"

"Those dark days are over now," John interjected. "Jesus has risen, and we have much work to do. We are supposed to forgive sins in Jesus' name, but, Peter, if you can't even forgive yourself ..."

Peter made no reply, but instead busied himself with the nets. The sun was just beginning to cast its light over the sea. "Well, I guess that's it," he said, changing the subject. "I've had enough of fishing if you have."

The rest of the apostles started to pull in the fishing lines as the boat approached the shore. Suddenly, a stranger called to them from the beach. "Have you caught anything?"

"Not a thing," they shouted back.

"Throw your net out again over the right side of the boat," the stranger suggested.

As soon as they had done so, the net was nearly torn apart by the size of the catch. Peter leaped into the water as John exclaimed, "It's

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Jesus!"

Peter reached the shore before the others. A fire was kindling, and Jesus told Peter, "Come and rest awhile with me. Bring some of the fish, and we'll all have breakfast together."

When the fish was ready, it was Jesus who went around serving each of them. Peter remained silent throughout the meal. Finally, Jesus asked him, "Peter, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I am your friend," Peter replied.

"Then feed my lambs," Jesus said. And then He asked again, "Do you really love me?"

"Lord, you know that I am your friend," Peter again replied, his face flushing with embarrassment.

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus told him. Once again He asked, "Peter, are you my friend?"

This time, Peter hung his head and answered softly. "Lord, you know all that is in my heart, so you must realize that I am your friend!"

"Yes, Peter, I know everything about you," Jesus replied. "Those who refuse to accept forgiveness retain their sins. Do you understand what I am saying to you?"

"Yes, Lord, and this time I will be your 'rock,' the name you called me when we first met," Peter promised.

"Then you must follow me," Jesus said.

"I will follow you even unto death," Peter replied.

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Peter kept his promise to Jesus. For his belief, he was killed many years later on a cross outside of Rome. But Peter asked to be crucified upside-down because he didn't consider himself worthy to die as Jesus had done. Scripture reference: Luke 5:1-11; John 20:21-23, 21:1-19.

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