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MEMORIAL, JANUARY 5: READINGS

First Reading

Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.

First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters, if I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

R. The Lord leads us on the path of peace.

The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil should I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R)

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my own and my own know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

John 10:11-16

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired

hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord.

