

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, it is also a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the celebration of Baptism, we are called priests, prophets and kings, wonderfully celebrating our dignity as children of God. In this encounter with the Risen Lord, each of us is called to participate in the ministry of sharing our faith by acts and by words. There are so many images used by Jesus unfolding the work of being witnesses: leaven, salt, light, etc.

In this Sunday's readings, we hear of the early Church bravely proclaiming the Word of the Lord to their communities. From fearful orphans to confident witnesses, the change is life-giving to the newly energized Church. The excerpt from Revelation mystically presents the multitude of people praising God in obedience to the call given to us all. Jesus, in the excerpt from John's Gospel, celebrates the faithfulness of those hearing the voice of the shepherd and in communion with this voice:

'The father and I are one.' (John 10:30)

In particular, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the call to be of service to the Word and Sacraments of the Church. Like the Apostles, Disciples and members of the early Church, may we foster and encourage others and ourselves to freely share our gifts and talents to building the Kingdom of God in our time.

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! ALLELUIA!

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