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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Reader:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others, if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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We shall all have to stand before the judgment seat of God, as scripture says: By my life--it is the Lord who speaks--every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God.

It is God, therefore, that each of us must give and account of himself.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Reader:

The response is:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (Pause)

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With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Jesus Christ? No! He not only died for us--he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.