

## PSALM RESPONSE

*"Shepherd Me, O God" (Haugen)*



## ALLELUIA



## GOSPEL

*John 10:11-15*

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY



## PRAYER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT

### ACT OF CONTRITION

**O my God, I am sorry for my sins. In choosing to sin and failing to do good, I have sinned against You and Your Church. I firmly intend, with the help of Your Son, to do penance and to sin no more.**

*(Parents now present their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the priest. After receiving the Sacrament, the child first places a sheep sticker, representing themselves, next to Jesus on the banner, receive their Sacramental Certificate and return to their pews).*

## FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING



# Sacrament of Reconciliation

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## ENTRANCE HYMN

Hosea (*Weston Priory*)



1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must
2. The wil-der-ness will lead you to your  
In-teg-ri-ty and jus-tice with ten-der-
3. You shall sleep se-cure with peace; faith-ful-



1. fear keep us a-part. Long have I wait-ed for your  
we to oth-ers' call.
2. heart where I will speak.  
ness you shall know.
3. ness will be your joy.



com-ing home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new life.

## GREETING

## OPENING PRAYER

### *Liturgy of the Word*

## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*

For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them. As a shepherd examines His flock while He Himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land. In good pastures I will pasture them; on the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down on good grazing ground; in rich pastures they will be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest—oracle of the Lord God. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal; but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd them in judgment.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**