



May 11th 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Year C John 10:27-30

¹⁰⁻²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

- **Read and re-read** – out loud and slowly the Gospel.
- **Meditate** - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.

- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
- **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's gospel we read about the Good shepherd. The sheep obey the shepherd because they have experienced that they belong to the shepherd and are known to him who loves and guides them. Good shepherds do not have to wonder "Am I loved?" or "Are the sheep loyal to me"? Not having these worries they can go about their work of leadership in freedom and joy. If we have good relationship with Jesus we will be able to be good shepherds because he has shown us the way.

Who are the people in our lives who give us a sense of belonging which enables us to know that we are loved and valued?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for deep relationships in our lives. We remember the first time we met and immediately felt that we could trust them and grew in confidence and had new belief in ourselves.

Forgive us Lord for the times when we talked down to people in our community because we considered them to be less than ourselves and gave them a sense that they did not belong.

Lord help us to realise that in Jesus we are one with Him and with all creation. Let us listen to his voice and follow him as our good shepherd.