

Listen to Good Shepherd's Voice (John 10:3-14)

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Lectio Divina Rhythms/Process (Repeat three times):

- (a) Read the Scripture passage ("Lectio")
- (b) Reflect on the focus question below ("Meditatio")
- (c) Respond in quiet prayer/journaling ("Oratio")
- (d) Rest in God's invitation for you then pray/share out loud if you want ("Contemplatio")

Introduction: Jesus has just healed a blind man on the Sabbath. When the now seeing man testifies about Jesus the religious leaders throw him out of the local synagogue. In anger they go to Jesus to question him and he tells them a story about a shepherd and his sheep. Jesus says he is *the* Good Shepherd and his sheep listen to his voice, with the help of a watchman. But a hired hand let's the thief and the wolf attack the flock. The religious leaders want to kill Jesus for claiming to be equal with God and for saying they are like the unfaithful hired hand.

Opening Prayer: "The Lord is my Shepherd... I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

Read Scripture: John 10:3-14 (NIV84)

3 [Jesus said,] "The watchman opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice..."

7 "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep... 9 Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it...

14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

1st Reading: What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? Meditate on that.

2nd Reading: Enter into the Scripture passage. What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

3rd Reading: What is God's personal invitation for you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.