

Fr. Martin's Reflection – 07/18/21 Bulletin

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The responsorial psalm this weekend is the beautiful and well-known, Psalm 23, The Lord is My Shepherd. The sentiments of this psalm offer comfort, encouragement, and security in knowing God is with you. I invite you to keep this psalm close to you and to reflect on it each day, preferably each morning as you start your day – to reassure you that God is with you in whatever it is you must do and whatever it is you will face. I am using the Jerusalem Bible translation instead of the New American Bible translation, which many here would be more familiar with. I feel the Jerusalem bible translation speaks more clearly to the heart.

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

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

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 your staff; with these you give me comfort.

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.

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.

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

May you allow the good and kind shepherd to guide you and care for you in the week ahead.

Fr. Martin