

**FEBRUARY 3,  
BLASE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, C. 316: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ho, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the crippled you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all

the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep.”

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 23**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 612.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 23 as found in the bulletin.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
Name's sake.

- 4    Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
          of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
      for you are with me;  
      your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5    You spread a table before me in the presence of  
          those who trouble me; \*  
      you have anointed my head with oil,  
      and my cup is running over.
- 6    Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
          all the days of my life, \*  
      and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* “I am the good shepherd,” says the  
Lord, \*  
“I know my own and my own know  
me.”

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his resurrection, when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to

him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.