Lectio Divina April 20, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Greeting and Opening Prayer

#### <u>Part I</u>

- 1) Hear the text read.
- 2) Recall the text by saying a word or short phrase that touched your heart. Listen to what others say. If someone says your word, simply repeat it again.

## Part II: Commentary

**Part III:** Hear/See the text again with 5 mins silence

## Part IV: Reflection and Sharing in Small Groups

- Share your reflections on what is happening in the text and what it means today.
- ◊ What do you observe?
- $\Diamond$  Is there anything that leaves you perplexed/confused?
- $\Diamond$  What does this text mean to you?
- Vhat has praying with this text called forth from you personally?
- ♦ What needs to change in you having read this text?
- ◊ What difference will this text make in your life?

## Part V: Give Thanks

Offer petitionary prayers to God.

## **Closing** Prayer

# Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"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. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

