

BIBLE READINGS - March 19, 2023

Revised Standard Version

Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; ² he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; ¹³ but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.”