

LECTIONARY READING - May 8, 2022

Psalm 23 Revised Standard Version

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

23 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; 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.

Acts 9:36-43 Revised Standard Version

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive.

⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.