Good Shepherd Gospel. 2011

The Lord be with you. R: And also with you. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. R: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatch-es them and scat-ters them. The hired hand runs a-way because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Fa- ther. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not be-long to this fold. I must bring them

al-so, and they will lis-ten to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shep-herd. For this rea-son the Fa-ther loves me, because I lay down my life in or-der to take it up a-gain. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own ac-cord. I have pow-er to lay it down, and I have pow-er to take it up a-gain. I have re-

ceived this command from my Fa-ther.”


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