

## BIBLE READINGS SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

### **Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. <sup>44</sup> All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. <sup>46</sup> Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, <sup>47</sup> while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

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### **1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> God will bless you, even if others treat you unfairly for being loyal to him. <sup>20</sup> You don't gain anything by being punished for some wrong you have done. But God will bless you, if you have to suffer for doing something good. <sup>21</sup> After all, God chose you to suffer as you follow in the footsteps of Christ, who set an example by suffering for you.

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### **John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. <sup>12</sup> Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. <sup>13</sup> Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. <sup>15</sup> Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them together too, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> The Father loves me, because I give up my life, so that I may receive it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly! I have the power to give it up and the power to receive it back again, just as my Father commanded me to do.

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