

Musical Selections

- *Treasures Out of Darkness/Tesoros Ocultos*, Alan Revering, Crosier Fathers and Brothers, WLP
- *With a Shepherd's Care*, James Chepponis, GIA
- *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, Text: J. Rowthorn, Music: C. V. Taylor, Hope Publishing Co., OCP

Psalmody

Select a sung or spoken version of Psalm 23.

Reading

John 10:1–10, or Isaiah 40:9–11.

Reflection

Invite an inspirational speaker to reflect on the Christian vocations that are rooted in baptism. A parent of a priest, brother, sister can give a unique perspective on vocations.

Response

Provide an index card or create a vocation commitment card and pen/cils. Ask participants to write his/her commitment to deepening his/her vocation and encouraging Christian vocations in the Church.

Commissioning

Participants are invited to stand, respond to question, and pray silently or aloud his/her commitment. All lift up cards and receive a blessing. The participants take their card home as a reminder. Blessing with baptismal water by sprinkling may conclude the commissioning.

Social

Provide refreshments and time for people to share conversation.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

May 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter
✙ Cycle A

Prayer Service



Call to Prayer

Leader: The Light of Christ surrounds us.
All: **We rejoice in Christ's presence.**
Leader: The Love of Christ enfolds us.
All: **We proclaim the Good News of Christ's love. Alleluia!**

Song

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gentle God,
You call us by name and lead us to life.
Through baptism you commission us
to proclaim the Good News.

Bless and strengthen all men and women,
lay and ordained, who serve in the Church.
Guide and give wisdom
to those discerning their vocation.
Enrich our Church
with dedicated married and single people,
with priests, religious and deacons.

Filled with joy and your Holy Spirit
may we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
now and always. Amen.

Psalmody Psalm 23

Reading

Reflection

Response

Commitment and Blessing

The Lord has made you a community that loves and serves one another and inspires others. Will you continue your generous service and promote future priests and religious in your midst through active encouragement and support? **All: We will!**

Sending Forth

- God has formed you as special people. May you continue to be courageous and faithful in building God's dwelling place. **Amen!**
- God has blessed you with a rich variety of vocations and gifts to serve one another in holiness. May you be open to a new outpouring of grace as you renew your vocational commitment today. **Amen!**
- God calls forth from this community future Church leaders and servants as lay ministers, priests and religious. May you encourage and nurture their calls for the building up of the reign of Jesus on earth. **Amen!**

Sign of Peace

Concluding Song

