



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

How many of you can whistle? Let's give it a try together...

1-2-3

Beautiful!

I share a story with you now to illustrate Easter.

A man was driving one day along a country road and realized he was lost. He had no GPS in his car or on his phone.

He stopped at a small farmhouse to ask for directions, and he saw an elderly woman sitting on the porch. An elderly man was working around his front yard, whistling non-stop. The whistling was loud and clear, but it seemed aimless with no real purpose. There was no recognizable tune, just whistling.

He walked up to the man, and said, "I see you are very fond of whistling."

"Oh," the man said, "It's second nature to me now."

Then pointing to the woman on the porch, he explained that she was his wife, and that they have been happily married for 38 years when she became blind. Coming as it did so late in life, blindness has been very frightening experience for her, and she was still feeling a deep-seated insecurity.

The husband said, "I figured if I just keep whistling while I'm outside the house, she'll have the security of knowing I'm still with her."

Jesus tells us that his sheep hear his voice. His whistle, so to speak. Just like you who have pets, your voice is recognized by your pet.

The Lord invites us to hear his voice and enter the gate.

Peter in the first reading is inviting others to enter that gate. The gate is Jesus Christ. He says, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

It says about 3,000 people accepted that invitation. They heard the Lord's voice.

As we continue to celebrate Easter, we need to hear the Lord's whistle – his voice. It can be heard in our prayer, individually and with community right now, in the Eucharist we receive, in the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in the daily graces of the Sacrament of Marriage, and in so many other ways of service that we both give and receive daily.

That divine whistle is always present. It is a security that we know the Lord is always with us; it is Resurrection every day.

Can I hear you whistle one more time? 1-2-3

When we whistle remember; Resurrection - congratulations

Prayer: Bringing Home the Word.