John 10:1-10
Easter 4 (A) (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 The gate-keeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said
to them, “Ve-ry tru-ly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are
thieves and ban-dits; but the sheep did not lis-ten to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me
will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pas-ture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and
kill and de-stroy. I came that they may have life, and have it a - bun-dant-ly.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.