

## GOSPEL

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

† A reading form the holy gospel according to John 10:1-10

**J**esus said to his disciples:

“I tell you for certain

that only thieves and robbers climb over the fence

instead of going through the gate to the sheep pen.

But the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd,

and he goes in through it.

The sheep know their shepherd’s voice.

He calls each of them by name and leads them out.

“When he has led out all of his sheep,

he walks in front of them,

and they follow, because they know his voice.

The sheep will not follow strangers.

They don’t recognize a stranger’s voice,

and they run away.”

Jesus told the people this story.

But they did not understand what he was talking about.

Then Jesus said:

“I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep.

Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber,

and the sheep did not listen to any of them.

I am the gate.

All who come in through me will be saved.

Through me they will come and go and find pasture.

“A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy.

I came so that everyone would have life,

and have it in its fullest.”

The gospel of the Lord.