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The merciful love of the Lord fills the whole earth...Introit



This last week:

EARTH DAY			
ARBOR DAY			

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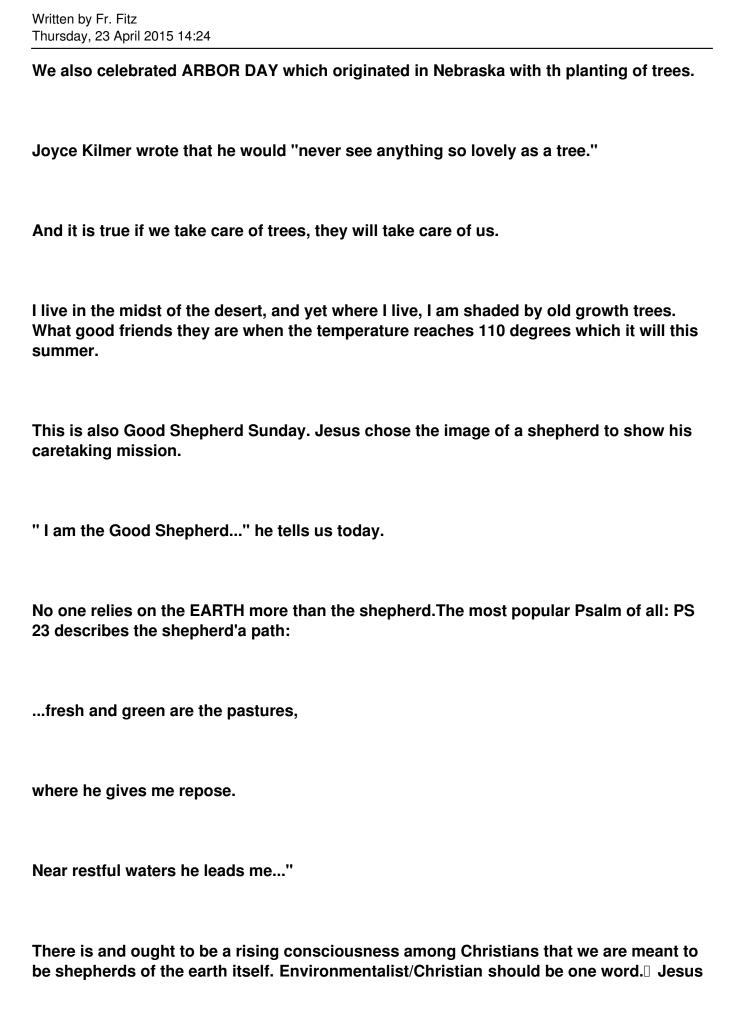
**TODAY:** 

**GOOD** 

**SHEPHERD** 

**SUNDAY** 





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Thursday, 23 April 2015 14:24 of Nazareth was not a giver of death and destruction but a giver of life. And his very body's life did NOT come from heaven. It came out of the earth. It was nourished by the earth. The fertile grapes of Galilee, the goat's milk, the abundant figs became his body, his, hands, his mind. The greatest abortion the world has ever seen is our attack on the primal womb of all life:the earth! The "Consumer Society" is an oxymoron. There is no "society" possible if we mindlessly consume the earth with no heed to conservation and moderation. Mildless drilling, fracking, garbage disposal turns the nest of life into a stinking tomb. Right now in the middle of the Pacific a mountain of plastic is ever groowing, expanding made up of the plastic bottles we mindlessly bequeath to the sea! Yet it is precisely WATER that Jesus chose to give us new life when it is poured over us at baptism. And so we pray: We have come forth from the Easter Waters, renewed earth creatures.

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**Come Holy Spirit.** 

fill the hearts of your faithful.

Enkindle inus the fire of your love.

Help us to be good shepherds of the hills and valleys,

care takers of the rivers and oceans,

so that we might renew the face of the earth..

### Amen

