May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Collect O God, whose Son Jesus is **the good shepherd** of your people: Grant that **when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name**, and **follow where he leads**; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was **Tabitha**, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since **Lydda** was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that **Peter** was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. **All the widows stood beside him, weeping** and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."** Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then **calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.** This became known throughout Joppa, and **many believed** in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain **Simon**, a tanner.

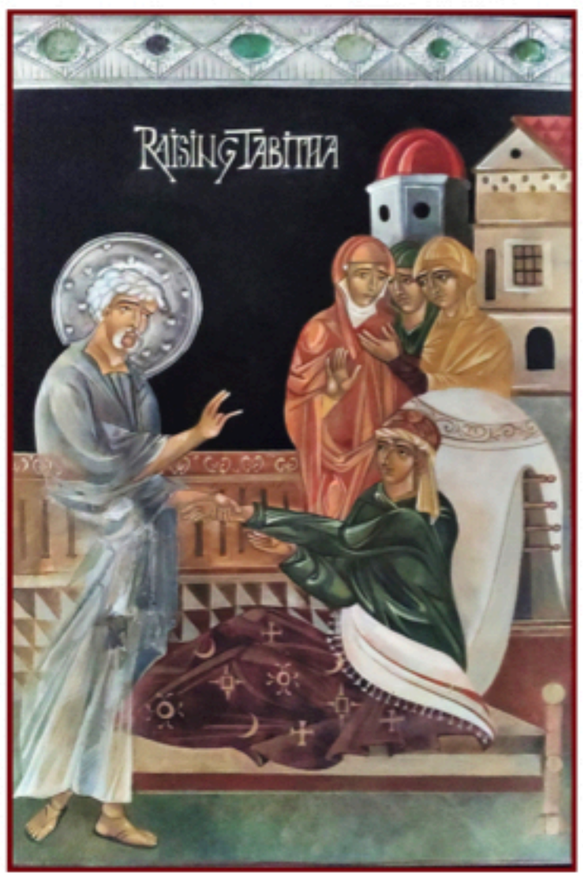
Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was **a great multitude** that no one could count, from every nation, from **all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "**Salvation** belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the **angels** stood around the throne and around the **elders** and the four living **creatures**, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, **"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."** Then one of the **elders** addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of **the great ordeal**; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will **shelter** them. **They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and**

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in **green pastures** *
and leads me beside **still waters.**
3 He **revives** my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the **valley of the shadow of death**, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You **spread a table before me** in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have **anointed my head with oil**,
and **my cup is running over**.
6 Surely your **goodness and mercy shall follow me** all the days of my life, *
and I will **dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**.

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Raising Tabith by Mary Jane Miller

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and **Jesus was walking in the temple**, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, **"How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."** Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. **My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is **greater than all else**, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. **The Father and I are one**."