Commentary on the Gospel for Sun, Jul 22nd 2018

Lectio Divina

Read: Yahweh rightfully expresses His anger and frustration at the kind of shepherds who, instead of caring for the sheep, scatter them. Jesus, the good shepherd, forgoes his rightful rest out of compassion for the sheep and ministers to them. Christ, the true shepherd, gathers the scattered and unites them in his body – he is our peace.

Reflect: There is a great need for shepherds who deeply care for the sheep, who would even lay down their life for their sheep, who have deep compassion as their core emotion. If in some places the Church has failed to be an instrument of peace and transformation, perhaps it is because of the failure of the shepherd whose primary interest does not lie with the sheep, but elsewhere. But before we place our blame on others, we shall remind ourselves that as Christians, each one of us is called to be a shepherd to others.

Pray: Pray for shepherds after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Act: Call up and thank your pastor/superior/spiritual guide for being a shepherd.

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