

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday 18 Apr 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 104:43

The Lord brought out his people with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:13-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We cannot stop preaching what we have seen and heard.

The rulers, elders and scribes were astonished at the assurance shown by Peter and John, considering they were uneducated laymen; and they recognised them as associates of Jesus; but when they saw the man who had been cured standing by their side, they could find no answer. So they ordered them to stand outside while the Sanhedrin had a private discussion. 'What are we going to do with these men?' they asked. 'It is obvious to everybody in Jerusalem that a miracle has been worked through them in public, and we cannot deny it. But to stop the whole thing spreading any further among the people, let us caution them never to speak to anyone in this name again.'

So they called them in and gave them a warning on no account to make statements or to teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John retorted, 'You must judge whether in God's eyes it is right to listen to you and not to God. We cannot promise to stop proclaiming what we have seen and heard.' The court repeated the warnings and then released them; they could not think of any way to punish them, since all the people were giving glory to God for what had happened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1. 14-21. R. v.21

(R.) I praise you, Lord, for you have answered me.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
3. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)
4. Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks. This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 117:24

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 16:9-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.

Having risen in the morning on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary of Magdala from whom he had cast out seven devils. She then went to those who had been his companions, and who were mourning and in tears, and told them. But they did not believe her when they heard her say that he was alive and that she had seen him.

After this, he showed himself under another form to two of them as they were on their way into the country. These went back and told the others, who did not believe them either.

Lastly, he showed himself to the Eleven themselves while they were at table. He reproached them for their incredulity and obstinacy, because they had refused to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Gal 3:27

All of you who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.