

# Monday of the second week of Easter

Monday 20 Apr 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rm 6:9

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:23-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*When they prayed, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God boldly.*

As soon as Peter and John were released they went to the community and told them everything the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard it they lifted up their voice to God all together. 'Master,' they prayed 'it is you who made heaven and earth and sea, and everything in them; you it is who said through the Holy Spirit and speaking through our ancestor David, your servant:

Why this arrogance among the nations, these futile plots among the peoples? Kings on earth setting out to war, princes making an alliance, against the Lord and against his Anointed.

'This is what has come true: in this very city Herod and Pontius Pilate made an alliance with the pagan nations and the peoples of Israel, against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed, but only to bring about the very thing that you in your strength and your wisdom had predetermined should happen. And now, Lord, take note of their threats and help your servants to proclaim your message with all boldness, by stretching out your hand to heal and to work miracles and marvels through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' As they prayed, the house where they were assembled rocked; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God boldly.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 2:1-9. R. see v.13

**(R.) Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.**

1. Why this tumult among nations, among peoples this useless murmuring? They arise, the kings of the earth, princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed. 'Come, let us break their fetters, come, let us cast off their yoke.' **(R.)**
2. He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord is laughing them to scorn. Then he will speak in his anger, his rage will strike them with terror. 'It is I who have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain.' **(R.)**
3. I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me 'You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession. With a rod of iron you will break them, shatter them like a potter's jar.' **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Col 3:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 3:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Unless you have been born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God.*

There was one of the Pharisees called Nicodemus, a leading Jew, who came to Jesus by night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who comes from God; for no one could perform the signs that you do unless God were with him.' Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'

Nicodemus said, 'How can a grown man be born? Can he go back into his mother's womb and be born again?' Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God: what is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be surprised when I say: You must be born from above. The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 20:19

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.