

Tuesday of the second week of Easter

Tuesday 21 Apr 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 19:7,6

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-37

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

There was a Levite of Cypriot origin called Joseph whom the apostles surnamed Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He owned a piece of land and he sold it and brought the money, and presented it to the apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:1-2. 5. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:7-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one has gone to heaven, except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

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.'

'How can that be possible?' asked Nicodemus. 'You, a teacher in Israel, and you do not know these things!' replied Jesus.

'I tell you most solemnly, we speak only about what we know and witness only to what we have seen and yet you people reject our evidence. If you do not believe me when I speak about things in this world, how are you going to believe me when I speak to you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 24:46,26

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.