

# Thursday of the second week of Easter

Thursday 23 Apr 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cf. Ps 67:8-9,20**

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

**Acts 5:27-33**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are witnesses of these words and so is the Holy Spirit.*

When the officials had brought the apostles in to face the Sanhedrin, the high priest demanded an explanation. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This so infuriated them that they wanted to put them to death.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:2. 9. 17-20. R. v.7**

**(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Jn 3:31-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Father loves the Son, and gave all things into his hands.*

John the Baptist said to his disciples:

'He who comes from above is above all others; he who is born of the earth is earthly himself and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven bears witness to the things he has seen and heard, even if his testimony is not accepted; though all who do accept his testimony are attesting the truthfulness of God, since he whom God has sent speaks God's own words: God gives him the Spirit without reserve. The Father loves the Son and has entrusted everything to him. Anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life, but anyone who refuses to believe in the Son will never see life: the anger of God stays on him.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Mt 28:20**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.