

# Monday of the third week of Easter

Monday 27 Apr 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 6:8-15

*They could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.*

Stephen was filled with grace and power and began to work miracles and great signs among the people. But then certain people came forward to debate with Stephen, some from Cyrene and Alexandria who were members of the synagogue called the Synagogue of Freedmen, and others from Cilicia and Asia. They found they could not get the better of him because of his wisdom, and because it was the Spirit that prompted what he said. So they procured some men to say, 'We heard him using blasphemous language against Moses and against God.' Having in this way turned the people against him as well as the elders and scribes, they took Stephen by surprise, and arrested him and brought him before the Sanhedrin. There they put up false witnesses to say, 'This man is always making speeches against this Holy Place and the Law. We have heard him say that Jesus the Nazarene is going to destroy this Place and alter the traditions that Moses handed down to us.' The members of the Sanhedrin all looked intently at Stephen, and his face appeared to them like the face of an angel.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:23-24. 26-27. 29-30. R. v.1

**(R.) Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord.**

1. Though princes sit plotting against me I ponder on your statutes. Your will is my delight; your statutes are my counsellors. (R.)
2. I declared my ways and you answered: teach me your statutes. Make me grasp the way of your precepts and I will muse on your wonders. (R.)
3. Keep me from the way of error and teach me your law. I have chosen the way of truth with your decrees before me. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 6:22-29

*Do not work for food which cannot last, but for food which endures to eternal life.*

After Jesus had fed the five thousand, his disciples saw him walking on the water. Next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side saw that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that the disciples had set off by themselves. Other boats, however, had put in from Tiberias, near the place where the bread had been eaten. When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.