

# Tuesday of the third week of Easter

Tuesday 28 Apr 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 19:5; 12:10

Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 7:51-8:1

*Jesus, Lord, receive my spirit.*

Stephen said to the people, the elders and the scribes: 'You stubborn people, with your pagan hearts and pagan ears. You are always resisting the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Can you name a single prophet your ancestors never persecuted? In the past they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, and now you have become his betrayers, his murderers. You who had the Law brought to you by angels are the very ones who have not kept it.'

They were infuriated when they heard this, and ground their teeth at him.

But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep. Saul entirely approved of the killing.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 30:3-4. 6-8. 17. 21. R. v.6

**(R.) Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.**

1. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. (R.)
2. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. As for me, I trust in the Lord: let me be glad and rejoice in your love. (R.)
3. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. You hide those who trust you in the shelter of your presence from the plotting of men. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:35

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 6:30-35

*It was not Moses, but my Father who gave you bread from heaven.*

The people said to Jesus: 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rm 6:8

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.