

Wednesday of the third week of Easter

Wednesday 29 Apr 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 70:8,23

Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:1-8

They went from place to place preaching the Good News.

A bitter persecution started against the church in Jerusalem, and everyone except the apostles fled to the country districts of Judaea and Samaria.

There were some devout people, however, who buried Stephen and made great mourning for him.

Saul then worked for the total destruction of the Church; he went from house to house arresting both men and women and sending them to prison.

Those who had escaped went from place to place preaching the Good News. One of them was Philip who went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. There was great rejoicing in that town as a result.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name.' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 6:40

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:35-40

This is the will of my Father, that whoever sees the Son will have eternal life.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst. But, as I have told you, you can see me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us, whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.