

# Thursday of the fourth week of Easter

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## 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 13:13-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God has raised up one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour.*

Paul and his friends went by sea from Paphos to Perga in Pamphylia where John left them to go back to Jerusalem. The others carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. After the lessons from the Law and the Prophets had been read, the presidents of the synagogue sent them a message: 'Brothers, if you would like to address some words of encouragement to the congregation, please do so.' Paul stood up, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out, and for about forty years took care of them in the wilderness. When he had destroyed seven nations in Canaan, he put them in possession of their land for about four hundred and fifty years. After this he gave them judges, down from the prophet Samuel. Then they demanded a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin. After forty years, he deposed him and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words: "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'"

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3. 21-22. 25. 27. R. v.2

**(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. I have found David my servant and with my holy oil anointed him. My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong. **(R.)**
3. My truth and love shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Rv 1:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; you have loved us and washed away our sins in your blood. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 13:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever receives the one I send, receives me.*

After he had washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus said to them:

'I tell you most solemnly, no servant is greater than his master, no messenger is greater than the man who sent him.

'Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly. I am not speaking about all of you: I know the ones I have chosen; but what scripture says must be fulfilled: Someone who shares my table rebels against me.

'I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe that I am He. I tell you most solemnly, whoever welcomes the one I send welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 28:20

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