

Friday of the fourth week of Easter

Friday 08 May 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 5:9-10

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 13:26-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead.

Paul stood up in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you. What the people of Jerusalem and their rulers did, though they did not realise it, was in fact to fulfil the prophecies read on every sabbath. Though they found nothing to justify his death, they condemned him and asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out everything that scripture foretells about him they took him down from the tree and buried him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem: and it is these same companions of his who are now his witnesses before our people.

'We have come here to tell you the Good News. It was to our ancestors that God made the promise but it is to us, their children, that he has fulfilled it, by raising Jesus from the dead. As scripture says in the first psalm: You are my son: today I have become your father.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 2:6-11. R. v.7

(R.) You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.

1. 'It is I who have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain.' I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me: 'You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.' **(R.)**
2. 'Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession. With a rod of iron you will break them, shatter them like a potter's jar.' **(R.)**
3. Now, O kings, understand, take warning rulers of the earth; serve the Lord with awe and trembling, pay him your homage. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth and the life.

Jesus said to the disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rm 4:25

Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.