

Monday of the fifth week of Easter

Monday 11 May 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 14:5-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have come with Good News to make you turn from these vain things to the living God.

With the connivance of the authorities a move was made by pagans as well as Jews to make attacks on Paul and Barnabas and to stone them. When the apostles came to hear of this, they went off for safety to Lycaonia where, in the towns of Lystra and Derbe and in the surrounding country, they preached the Good News.

A man sat there who had never walked in his life, because his feet were crippled from birth; and as he listened to Paul preaching, he managed to catch his eye. Seeing that the man had the faith to be cured, Paul said in a loud voice, 'Get to your feet – stand up,' and the cripple jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done they shouted in the language of Lycaonia, 'These people are gods who have come down to us disguised as men.' They addressed Barnabas as Zeus, and since Paul was the principal speaker they called him Hermes. The priests of Zeus-outside-the-Gate, proposing that all the people should offer sacrifice with them, brought garlanded oxen to the gates. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening they tore their clothes, and rushed into the crowd, shouting, 'Friends, what do you think you are doing? We are only human beings like you. We have come with good news to make you turn from these empty idols to the living God who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that these hold. In the past he allowed each nation to go its own way; but even then he did not leave you without evidence of himself in the good things he does for you: he sends you rain from heaven, he makes your crops grow when they should, he gives you food and makes you happy.' Even this speech, however, was scarcely enough to stop the crowd offering them sacrifice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 113B:1-4. 15-16. R. v.1

(R.) Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

1. Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory for the sake of your love and your truth, lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?' **(R.)**
2. Our God he is in the heavens; he does whatever he wills. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. **(R.)**
3. 3. May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. The heavens belong to the Lord but the earth he has given to men. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:26

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:21-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send will teach you all things.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Judas – this was not Judas Iscariot – said to him, 'Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' Jesus replied:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

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.