

Wednesday of the fifth week of Easter

Wednesday 13 May 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 15:1-6

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They arranged to go to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem and consider the problem with them.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

All the members of the church saw them off, and as they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria they told how the pagans had been converted, and this news was received with the greatest satisfaction by the brothers. When they arrived in Jerusalem they were welcomed by the church and by the apostles and elders, and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

But certain members of the Pharisees' party who had become believers objected, insisting that the pagans should be circumcised and instructed to keep the Law of Moses. The apostles and elders met to look into the matter.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All who live in me and I in them bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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