

# Friday of the fifth week of Easter

Friday 15 May 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 5:12

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 15:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

The apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

The party left and went down to Antioch, where they summoned the whole community and delivered the letter. The community read it and were delighted with the encouragement it gave them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 56:8-12. R. v.10

**(R.) I will praise you among the nations, O Lord.**

1. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I will sing, I will sing your praise. Awake my soul, awake lyre and harp, I will awake the dawn. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you Lord among the peoples, praise you among the nations; for your love reaches to the heavens and your truth to the skies. O God, arise above the heavens; may your glory shine on earth! **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 15:12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*This I command you, that you love one another.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.