

Tuesday of the sixth week of Easter

Tuesday 19 May 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 19:7,6

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:22-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, and your household too.

The crowd of Philippians joined in and showed its hostility to Paul and Silas, so the magistrates had them stripped and ordered them to be flogged. They were given many lashes and then thrown into prison, and the gaoler was told to keep a close watch on them. So, following his instructions, he threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Late that night Paul and Silas were praying and singing God's praises, while the other prisoners listened. Suddenly there was an earthquake that shook the prison to its foundations. All the doors flew open and the chains fell from all the prisoners. When the gaoler woke and saw the doors wide open he drew his sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted at the top of his voice, 'Don't do yourself any harm; we are all here.'

The gaoler called for lights, then rushed in, threw himself trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and escorted them out, saying, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They told him, 'Become a believer in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, and your household too.' Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all his family. Late as it was, he took them to wash their wounds, and was baptised then and there with all his household. Afterwards he took them home and gave them a meal, and the whole family celebrated their conversion to belief in God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 7-8. R. v.7

(R.) Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 16:7. 13

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will lead you to the whole truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 16:5-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now I am going to the one who sent me. Not one of you has asked, "Where are you going?" Yet you are sad at heart because I have told you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will show the world how wrong it was, about sin, and about who was in the right, and about judgement: about sin: proved by their refusal to believe in me; about who was in the right: proved by my going to the Father and your seeing me no more; about judgement: proved by the prince of this world being already condemned.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 24:46,26

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.