

Thursday of the sixth week of Easter

Thursday 21 May 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67:8-9,20

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 18:1-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He lived with them and they worked together and debated in the synagogue.

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth, where he met a Jew called Aquila whose family came from Pontus. He and his wife Priscilla had recently left Italy because an edict of Claudius had expelled all the Jews from Rome. Paul went to visit them, and when he found they were tentmakers, of the same trade as himself, he lodged with them, and they worked together. Every sabbath he used to hold debates in the synagogues, trying to convert Jews as well as Greeks.

After Silas and Timothy had arrived from Macedonia, Paul devoted all his time to preaching, declaring to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. When they turned against him and started to insult him, he took his cloak and shook it out in front of them, saying, 'Your blood be on your own heads; from now on I can go to the pagans with a clear conscience.' Then he left the synagogue and moved to the house next door that belonged to a worshipper of God called Justus. Crispus, president of the synagogue, and his whole household, all became believers in the Lord. A great many Corinthians who had heard him became believers and were baptised.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he had worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 16:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You will be sorrowful but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'In a short time you will no longer see me, and then a short time later you will see me again.'

Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean, "In a short time you will no longer see me, and then a short time later you will see me again" and, "I am going to the Father?" What is this "short time"? We don't know what he means.' Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, so he said, 'You are asking one another what I meant by saying: In a short time you will no longer see me, and then a short time later you will see me again.'

'I tell you most solemnly, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.