

48 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 5.27-32, 40b-41

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The captain went with the temple police
and brought the apostles, who were teaching in the temple,
27 and had them stand before the council.

28 The high priest questioned the apostles, saying,
“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,
yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching
and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”

29 But Peter and the apostles answered,
“We must obey God rather than any human authority.

30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus,
whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

31 God exalted him at his right hand
as Leader and Saviour
that he might give repentance to Israel
and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are witnesses to these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit
whom God has given to those who obey him.”

40 Then the council ordered the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus,
and let them go.

41 As they left the council,
they rejoiced that they were considered worthy
to suffer dishonour for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b (R.1a)

R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. R.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning. R.
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!
- 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing.
- 12 O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.11-14

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 11 I, John, looked,
and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne
and the living creatures and the elders;
they numbered myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands,
- 12 singing with full voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!”
- 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, singing,
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
forever and ever!”
- 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!”
And the elders fell down and worshipped.
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

GOSPEL

John 21.1-19

Jesus took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples
by the Sea of Tiberias;
and he showed himself in this way.
- 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter,
Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee,
the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."
They said to him, "We will go with you."
They went out and got into the boat,
but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;
but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5 Jesus said to them,
"Children, you have no fish, have you?"
They answered him, "No."
- 6 He said to them,
"Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some."
So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish.
- 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter,
"It is the Lord!"
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord,
he put on some clothes, for he was naked,
and jumped into the sea.
- 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish,
for they were not far from the land,
only about ninety metres off.
- 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there,
with fish on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them,
"Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore,
full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them;
and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."
Now none of the disciples dared to ask him,
"Who are you?"
because they knew it was the Lord.
13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.
14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples
after he was raised from the dead.
15 When they had finished breakfast,
Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"
He said to him,
"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him,
"Feed my lambs."
16 A second time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?"
He said to him,
"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."
17 He said to him the third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time,
"Do you love me?"
And he said to him,
"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him,
"Feed my sheep."
18 "Very truly, I tell you,
when you were younger,
you used to fasten your own belt
and go wherever you wished.
But when you grow old,
you will stretch out your hands,
and someone else will fasten a belt around you
and take you where you do not wish to go."



19 He said this to indicate the kind of death
by which he would glorify God.
After this he said to him,
“Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.