

51 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 13.14, 43-52

I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 14 Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga
and came to Antioch in Pisidia.
On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.
- 43 When the meeting of the synagogue broke up,
many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas,
who spoke to them and urged them
to continue in the grace of God.
- 44 The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered
to hear the word of the Lord.
- 45 But when the Jewish officials saw the crowds,
they were filled with jealousy;
and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul.
- 46 Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying,
“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you.
Since you reject it
and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life,
we are now turning to the Gentiles.
- 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,
‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles,
so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”
- 48 When the Gentiles heard this,
they were glad and praised the word of the Lord;
and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers.
- 49 Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region.
- 50 But the officials incited the devout women of high standing
and the leading men of the city,
and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas,
and drove them out of their region.
- 51 So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them,
and went to Iconium.
- 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 5 (R.3c)

R. We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing. R.
3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. R.
5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. R.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 9 After this I, John, looked,
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
14 And one of the elders then said to me,
“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 “They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10.14

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

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL

John 10.27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

- 27 “My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand.
29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else,
and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.
30 The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.