

# Readings at Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

## FIRST READING

ACTS 5.27B-32, 40B-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'*

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 30(29). 2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12A, 13B; R. V. 2A

**R. I will extol you, Lord,  
for you have raised me up.**

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up,  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **R.**

Since psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones;  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy. **R.**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;  
be my helper, O Lord.  
You have changed my mourning into dancing.  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

REVELATION 5.11-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, who created all things  
and has shown compassion on the human race. **R.**

## GOSPEL

JOHN 21.1-14

*At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way: Simon Peter; Thomas (called the Twin); Nathanael of Cana in Galilee; the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 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.*

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory  
hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars.*