

Sixth Sunday of Easter A

17 May 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered.

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them.

The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip,

hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed;

and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured.

So there was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit;

(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

R. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of Peter

In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.
Always be ready to make your defence
to anyone who demands from you an accounting
for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and reverence.
Keep your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ
may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good
if suffering should be God's will,
than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.
He was put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, because he abides with you,
and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned;

I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me;
because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you.

"They who have my commandments and keep them
are those who love me;

and those who love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.