

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25th April, 2010

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd  
and will lead them to springs of living water*

## First Reading

Acts 13:(14), 43-52

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Many became believers.*

[Paul and his companions went from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.]

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. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. 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. 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.'" 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. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the Jews 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. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100

**Response:** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

**R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

**R.**

## Second Reading

Rev. 7:9-17

**A reading from the book of Revelation**

After this I 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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." Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me, **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Jn. 10:22-30**

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

**R. Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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