

Wednesday – Third Week of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 8:1b-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles.

Devout men buried Stephen and made a loud lament over him. Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the Church; entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment.

Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed and crippled people were cured.

There was great joy in that city.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a (R. 1)

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

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!" **R.**

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"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. **R.**

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever. **R.**

ALLELUIA

See John 6:40

V. Alleluia. **R.** Alleluia.

V. Everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia. **R.** Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:35-40

✠. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me
will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me,
you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to
me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came
down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who
sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not
lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last
day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son
and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the
last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.