

**Friday 8 May 2020 4th week of Eastertide**

## **Readings at Mass**

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### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Rv 5: 9-10**

**You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood,  
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,  
and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.**

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### **Collect**

**O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation,  
listen to the voice of our pleading  
and grant that those you have redeemed  
by the shedding of your Son's Blood  
may have life through you  
and, under your protection,  
rejoice for ever unharmed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

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### **First reading**

**Acts 13:26-33**

**God has fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead**

**Paul stood up in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:**

**'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you. What the people of Jerusalem and their rulers did, though they did not realise it, was in fact to fulfil the prophecies read on every sabbath. Though they found nothing to justify his death, they condemned him and asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out everything that scripture foretells about him they took him down from the tree and buried him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he**

**appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem: and it is these same companions of his who are now his witnesses before our people.**

**‘We have come here to tell you the Good News. It was to our ancestors that God made the promise but it is to us, their children, that he has fulfilled it, by raising Jesus from the dead. As scripture says in the second psalm: *You are my son: today I have become your father.*’**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalms 2:6-11**

***You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.***

**‘It is I who have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.’  
I will announce the decree of the Lord:  
The Lord said to me: ‘You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.**

***You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.***

**‘Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations,  
put the ends of the earth in your possession.  
With a rod of iron you will break them,  
shatter them like a potter’s jar.’**

***You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.***

**Now, O kings, understand,  
take warning, rulers of the earth;  
serve the Lord with awe  
and trembling, pay him your homage.**

***You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.***

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 14:6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

**Alleluia!**

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**Gospel**

**John 14:1-6**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

**Trust in God still, and trust in me.**

**There are many rooms in my Father’s house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.**

**I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,**

**I shall return to take you with me;**

**so that where I am**

**you may be too.**

**You know the way to the place where I am going.’**

**Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so  
how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:**

**‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

**No one can come to the Father except through me.’**