

**Monday 18 May 2020 6th week of Eastertide**

## **Readings at Mass**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Rm 6: 9**

**Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more;  
death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.**

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**Collect**

**Grant, O merciful God,  
that we may experience at all times  
the fruit produced by the paschal observances.  
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 16:11-15**

**The Lord opened Lydia's heart to accept what Paul was saying**

**Sailing from Troas we made a straight run for Samothrace; the next day for Neapolis, and from there for Philippi, a Roman colony and the principal city of that particular district of Macedonia. After a few days in this city we went along the river outside the gates as it was the sabbath and this was a customary place for prayer. We sat down and preached to the women who had come to the meeting. One of these women was called Lydia, a devout woman from the town of Thyatira who was in the purple-dye trade. She listened to us, and the Lord opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. After she and her household had been baptised she sent us an invitation: 'If you really think me a true believer in the Lord,' she said 'come and stay with us'; and she would take no refusal.**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 149:1-6,9**

***The Lord takes delight in his people.***

**Sing a new song to the Lord,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,  
let Zion's sons exult in their king.**

***The Lord takes delight in his people.***

**Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music with timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes delight in his people.  
He crowns the poor with salvation.**

***The Lord takes delight in his people.***

**Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips:  
this honour is for all his faithful.**

***The Lord takes delight in his people.***

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 15:26,27**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.**

**Alleluia.**

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**The Spirit of truth will be my witness**

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**‘When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.  
‘I have told you all this that your faith may not be shaken.  
They will expel you from the synagogues,  
and indeed the hour is coming  
when anyone who kills you  
will think he is doing a holy duty for God.  
They will do these things  
because they have never known  
either the Father or myself.  
But I have told you all this,  
so that when the time for it comes  
you may remember that I told you.’**

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