

266 EASTER SATURDAY

FIRST READING

Acts 4.13-21

*Peter and John said: We cannot keep from speaking
about what we have seen and heard.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 13 Now when the rulers, elders, and scribes
saw the boldness of Peter and John
and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men,
they were amazed
and recognized them as companions of Jesus.
- 14 When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them,
they had nothing to say in opposition.
- 15 So they ordered Peter and John to leave the council
while they discussed the matter with one another.
- 16 They said, "What will we do with them?
For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem
that a notable sign has been done through them;
we cannot deny it.
- 17 But to keep it from spreading further among the people,
let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."
- 18 So they called the two apostles and ordered them
not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- 19 But Peter and John answered them,
"Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God,
you must judge;
- 20 for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."
- 21 After threatening them again,
they let them go,
finding no way to punish them because of the people,
for all of them praised God for what had happened.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118.1+14-15, 16ab-18, 19-21 (R.21a)

R. I praise you, Lord, for you have answered me.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous. **R.**
- 16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death. **R.**
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118.24

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL

Mark 16.9-15

*Jesus said to the disciples: Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

- 9 Now after Jesus rose early on the first day of the week,
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,
from whom he had cast out seven demons.
- 10 She went out and told those who had been with him,
while they were mourning and weeping.
- 11 But when the disciples heard that he was alive
and had been seen by her,
they would not believe it.
- 12 After this Jesus appeared in another form to two of them,
as they were walking into the country.
- 13 And they went back and told the rest,
but they did not believe them.
- 14 Later he appeared to the eleven themselves
as they were sitting at the table;
and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness,
because they had not believed those who saw him
after he had risen.
- 15 And Jesus said to them,
“Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”
- The gospel of the Lord.