

FIRST READING

They assembled the Church
and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas preached the good news in Derbe
and won some people to the Lord.
Then they went back to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in Pisidia.
They encouraged the followers and begged them to remain faithful.
They told them,
“We have to suffer a lot before we can get into God’s kingdom.”

Paul and Barnabas chose some of those who had faith in the Lord
to be leaders for each of the churches.
Then they went without eating
and prayed that the Lord would take good care
of these leaders.

Paul and Barnabas went on through Pisidia to Pamphylia,
where they preached in the town of Perga.
Then they went down to Attalia and sailed to Antioch in Syria.
It was there that they had been placed in God’s care
for the work they had now completed.

After arriving in Antioch,
they called the church together.
They told the people what God had helped them do
and how he had made it possible for the Gentiles to believe.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

145:8-9, 10 and 12

R. (see 1) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God..

or:

R. Alleluia.

You are merciful, Lord!
You are kind and patient

and always loving.
You are good to everyone,
and you take care
of all your creation.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God..
or:
R. Alleluia.

All creation will thank you,
and your loyal people
will praise you.
Then everyone will know about
the mighty things you do
and your glorious kingdom.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God..
or:
R. Alleluia.

SECOND READING

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

A reading from the book of Revelation

21:1-4

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared,
and so had the sea.
Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city,
coming down from God in heaven.
It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown
and ready to meet her husband.

I heard a loud voice shout from the throne:
“God’s home is now with his people.
He will live with them,
and they will be his own.
Yes, God will make his home among his people.
He will wipe all tears from their eyes,
and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain.
These things of the past are gone forever.”

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

John 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to John

13:31a, 33-35

After Judas had gone, Jesus said:

“My children, I will be with you for a little while longer.
Then you will look for me,
but you won’t find me.
I tell you just as I told the people,
‘You cannot go where I am going.’

“But I am giving you a new command.

You must love each other,
just as I have loved you.

If you love each other,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.