

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING

We are witnesses of these words and so is the Holy Spirit.

5:27b-32, 40b-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest said to the apostles,
"We told you plainly not to teach in the name of Jesus.

But look what you have done!

You have been teaching all over Jerusalem,

and you are trying to blame us for his death."

Peter and the apostles replied:

"We don't obey people. We obey God.

You killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross.

But the God our ancestors worshiped raised him to life

and made him our Leader and Savior.

Then God gave him a place at his right side,

so that the people of Israel would turn back to him

and be forgiven.

We are here to tell you about all this,

and so is the Holy Spirit,

who is God's gift to everyone who obeys God."

They had the apostles beaten with a whip

and warned them not to speak in the name of Jesus.

Then they let them go.

The apostles left the council and were happy,

because God had considered them worthy

to suffer for the sake of Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

30:1ab and 2 and 4, 10-11ab and 12bcd

R. (2a) I will praise you, Lord,

for you have rescued me.

OR:

R. Alleluia.