

**FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020**

*Friday of the 4th week of Easter*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 13:26-33

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 2:6-11

'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.'

'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.'

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-6

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

**SATURDAY 9 MAY 2020**

*Saturday of the 4th week of Easter*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 13:44-52

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 97:1-4

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you stay in my word, you will indeed be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 14:7-14

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Father, I wish that, where I am, those you gave me may also be with me, that they may see the glory that you gave me, alleluia.



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# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

**4 – 9 MAY 2020  
4TH WEEK OF EASTER  
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*The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

*Dear friends,*

This Sunday goes by a number of different names: the Fourth Sunday of Easter; Good Shepherd Sunday; and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For many of us, the daily rhythm of our vocation has changed, even if our fundamental vocation has not. As we live and work differently, we are reminded that we don't "have" a vocation, we *are* a vocation.

In these passed months, we have needed to learn new things: parents have become teachers in the home; pastors have become "performers" on the live stream; grand-parents have adapted to "drive-by" visitations; friends have become virtual companions; our community service has been curtailed; simple tasks have become more complex; all our weekly distractions, like sport or entertainment or going out for a meal, have disappeared; and our prayers have become more personal and domestic even as we pray together.

Even as we miss the simple joys of life, and learn to adjust to new circumstances, we remained committed to the vision of new life that Easter promises. Pope Francis own words on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations are an encouragement to us:

*The Gospel tells us that in the midst of this*

*challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples... The first word of vocation is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.*

*Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.*

Our vocation is not only about what we *do* in life; it is also about who we *are* in life. Even as we live our vocations differently, we remained called to lives of gratitude, faith and trust.

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**MONDAY 4 MAY 2020***Monday of the 4th week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

**FIRST READING:** Acts 11:1-18**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God?

O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

**TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020***Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 11:19-26**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 86:1-7

On the holy mountain is his city cherished by the Lord.

The Lord prefers the gates of Zion to all Jacob's dwellings.

Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

'Babylon and Egypt I will count among those who know me; Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia, these will be her children and Zion shall be called "Mother" for all shall be her children.'

It is he, the Lord Most High, who gives each his place. In his register of peoples he writes: 'These are her children' and while they dance they will sing: 'In you all find their home.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 10:22-30**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

**WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2020***Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 12:24-13:5**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 12:44-50**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

**THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020***Thursday of the 4th week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 13:13-25**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 88:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

I have found David my servant and with my holy oil anointed him. My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong.

My truth and love shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; you have loved us and washed away our sins in your blood. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 13:16-20**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.