

FIRST READING ❖ *Acts 13. 46-49*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

PAUL and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.’” And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO PSALM 89 | **R̄**: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

EPISTLE ❖ *I S. Peter 5. 5-14*

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

HUMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God; stand fast in it. She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with the kiss of love.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ❖ *I Corinthians 1. 23-24*

Alleluia, alleluia. We are preaching a crucified Christ, who is the power and the wisdom of God.

All Alleluia.

GOSPEL ❖ *St Mark 16. 15-20*

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.