

16. HOLY MARY, FOUNTAIN OF LIGHT AND LIFE

FIRST READING

Everyone must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-40a, 41-42

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:

“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,
this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,

“What are we to do, my brothers?”

Peter said to them,

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.

For the promise is made to you and to your children
and to all those far off,

whomever the Lord our God will call.”

Peter testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting
them.

Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand persons were added that day.

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles
and to the communal life,
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 8, 9

R. (6a) Look to the Lord and be filled with light.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD
that the poor may hear and be glad.

R. Look to the Lord and be filled with light.

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called,
the LORD heard and saved me from all distress.

R. Look to the Lord and be filled with light.

The angel of the LORD, who encamps with them,
delivers all who fear God.

R. Look to the Lord and be filled with light.

Learn to savor how good the LORD is;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

R. Look to the Lord and be filled with light.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary,
from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord;
whoever follows him will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

A

I, the light, have come into the world.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John 12:44-50

Jesus cried out and said,

“Whoever believes in me believes not only in me
but also in the one who sent me,
and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.

I came into the world as light,
so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in
darkness.

And if any hear my words and do not observe them,
I do not condemn them,
for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.

Those who reject me and do not accept my words
have something to judge them: the word that I spoke,
it will condemn them on the last day,
because I did not speak on my own,
but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and
speak.

And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

So what I say, I say as the Father told me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

B

What is born of the Spirit is spirit.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John 3:1-6

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

He came to Jesus at night and said to him,

“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from
God,

for no one can do these signs that you are doing
unless God is with that person.”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from
above.”

Nicodemus said to him,

“How can a person once grown old be born again?
Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again,
can he?”

Jesus answered,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
no one can enter the kingdom of God
without being born of water and Spirit.

What is born of flesh is flesh
and what is born of spirit is spirit.”

The gospel of the Lord.