May 8, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:**
Ps 33 (32): 5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52**
This recounting of events in Antioch illustrates why Paul began preaching to Gentiles or, more specifically, to Gentile converts to Judaism. Not surprisingly, his teaching about Jesus and Jesus’ interpretation of Torah was considered heresy by most Jews. Gentile converts, however, heard that the covenant made by God with the Jews was now open to all people based on faith in Jesus.

**Psalm Response: Ps 100**
This hymn of praise calls on Israel and all the nations to praise God.

**Reading II: Rv 7:9, 14b-17**
John’s vision of heavenly worship also includes the group of martyrs who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” This image was very important for a church undergoing persecution, as John’s communities were: Their suffering would be rewarded personally by God, who would “shelter them” and keep them from all further suffering.
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GOLDEN TEXT:

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30
All who hear the Shepherd’s voice will share eternal life. “No one can take them out of my hand.”

Communion Antiphon:
RM 411
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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Opening The Word: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

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