

## **Readings: Wednesday, 3rd week of Easter**

### **First Reading: Acts 8:1b-8**

*They went about preaching the word.*

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem,  
and all were scattered  
throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria,  
except the Apostles.

Devout men buried Stephen and made a loud lament over him.  
Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the Church;  
entering house after house and dragging out men and women,  
he handed them over for imprisonment.

Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

Thus Philip went down to the city of Samaria  
and proclaimed the Christ to them.

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip  
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,  
came out of many possessed people,  
and many paralyzed and crippled people were cured.  
There was great joy in that city.

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### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a**

R./ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: Alleluia.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R./ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: Alleluia.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R./ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: Alleluia.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.

You hide them in the shelter of your presence

from the plottings of men.

R./ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: Alleluia.

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**Gospel Reading: John 6:35-40**

*This is the will of my Father, that all who see the Son may have eternal life.*

Jesus said to the crowds,

"I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

But I told you that although you have seen me,

you do not believe.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,

and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,

because I came down from heaven not to do my own will

but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,

that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,

but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,

that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him

may have eternal life,

and I shall raise him on the last day."

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