

**FIRST READING      Song of Solomon 2.1–7**

*The first lesson is taken from the Song of Solomon, Chapter 2 verses 1 to 7*

I am a rose of Sharon,  
a lily of the valleys.

As a lily among brambles,  
so is my love among maidens.

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,  
so is my belovèd among young men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and his intention toward me was love.

Sustain me with raisins,  
refresh me with apples;  
for I am faint with love.

O that his left hand were under my head,  
and that his right hand embraced me!

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
by the gazelles or the wild does:

do not stir up or awaken love... ...until it is ready!

*Here endeth the first lesson.*

15th. August 2010

1830hrs

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 1.6–14**

*The second lesson is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Ch.1, vv 6–14*

When they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus,

“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He replied,

“It is not for you to know the times or periods  
that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this,  
as they were watching,  
He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

While He was going  
and they were gazing up toward heaven,  
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said,

“Men of Galilee,  
why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,  
will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem,  
from the mount called Olivet,  
which is near Jerusalem,  
a sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city,  
they went to the room upstairs where they were staying,

Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot,  
and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer,  
together with certain women,  
including Mary the mother of Jesus,  
as well as his brothers.

*Here endeth the second lesson.*