

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

## 21 June 2020

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah cried out:

"I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For I hear many whispering:

'Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

'Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him.'"

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.

"O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

"Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35**

***R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.***

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
That shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have  
fallen on me. ***R.***

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.  
At the acceptable time, O God,  
In the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.  
With your steadfast help, rescue me.  
Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. ***R.***

Let the opposed see it and be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.  
For the Lord hears the needy,  
and does not despise his own that are in bonds.  
Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them. ***R.***

## **Second Reading Romans 5:12-15**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Just as sin came into the world through one man,  
and death came through sin,  
so death spread to all because all have sinned.

Sin was indeed in the world before the law,  
but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.  
Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses,  
even over those whose sins were not like  
the transgression of Adam,  
who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass.  
For if the many died through the one man's trespass,  
much more surely have the grace of God

and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ,  
abounded for the many.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation John 15:26, 27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 10:26-33**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus summoned the twelve

and sent them out with the following instructions:

"Have no fear;

for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,  
and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;

and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

"Do not fear those who kill the body

but cannot kill the soul;

rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground  
apart from your Father.

And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

So do not be afraid;

you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others,

I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven;

but whoever denies me before others,

I also will deny before my Father in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**