

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

16 August 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

"Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant-
these I will bring to my holy mountain.
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon the earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let the peoples praise you. **R.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
Let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles,

I glorify my ministry

in order to make my own people jealous,

and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,

what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God

but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

so they have now been disobedient

in order that, by the mercy shown to you,

they too may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience

so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman from that region came out,

and started shouting,

"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;

my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying,
"Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and knelt before him,
saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food
and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs
that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her,

"Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.