

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A

30 August 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord:

"O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

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

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, 'Violence and destruction'!

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

"If I say, 'I will not mention him,

or speak any more in his name,'

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
And my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

For you have been my help;
And in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.
Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God-
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus sternly warned his disciples
not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

From that time on,

Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed,
and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

"God forbid it, Lord!

This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter,

"Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things
but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples,

"If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them

if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels

in the glory of his Father,

and then he will repay everyone for what has been done."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.