

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

## 18 July 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

"Woe to the shepherds  
who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!"  
says the Lord.

"Therefore" thus says the Lord, the God of Israel,  
"concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people:  
It is you who have scattered my flock,  
and have driven them away,  
and you have not attended to them.

"So I will attend to you for your evil doings,"  
says the Lord.

"Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock  
out of all the lands where I have driven them,  
and I will bring them back to their fold,  
I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them,  
and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed,  
nor shall any be missing," says the Lord.

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord,  
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which he will be called:

"The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long. **R.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Now in Christ Jesus  
you who once were far off have been brought near  
by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace;  
in his flesh he has made both Jews and Gentiles into one  
and has broken down the dividing wall,  
that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,  
that he might create in himself

one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,  
and might reconcile both groups to God in one body  
through the cross,  
thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So Christ Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;  
for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark  
The apostles returned from their mission.  
They gathered around Jesus,  
and told him all that they had done and taught.

He said to them,  
"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."  
For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.  
And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them,  
and they hurried there on foot from all the towns  
and arrived ahead of them.

As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd;  
and he had compassion for them,  
because they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
and he began to teach them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

