

91 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Exodus 19.1-6a

You shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 On the third month
after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt
they came to the wilderness of Sinai.
- 2 They had journeyed from Rephidim,
entered the wilderness of Sinai,
and camped in the wilderness;
Israel camped there in front of the mountain.
- 3 Then Moses went up to God;
the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,
“Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob,
and tell the Israelites:
- 4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians,
and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.
- 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant,
you shall be my treasured possession
out of all the peoples.
Indeed, the whole earth is mine,
- 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’
“These are the words
that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 4, 5 (R.3c)

R. We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing. R.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. R.

- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name. **R.**
- 5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5.6-11

If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely will we be saved by his life.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 6 While we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person.
Though perhaps for a good person
someone might actually dare to die.
- 8 But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- 10 For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely, having been reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
- 11 But more than that,
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1.15

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

The kingdom of God is near:
repent and believe the good news!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9.36 - 10.8

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out to proclaim the good news.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

36 When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples,
“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.”

1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean spirits,
to cast them out,
and to cure every disease and every sickness.

2 These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew;
James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

3 Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;
James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot,
the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:
“Go nowhere among the Gentiles,
and enter no town of the Samaritans,
6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 As you go, proclaim the good news,
‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

8 Cure the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.
You received without payment;
give without payment.”

The gospel of the Lord.