

94 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++

The Lord has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out:

7 “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.

10 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.’”

11 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.

12 “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.

13 “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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 69.7-9, 13+16, 32-33, 35ab+36 (R.13)

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

- 7 It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
- 9 It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. R.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your steadfast help, rescue me.
- 16 Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. R.
- 32 Let the oppressed see it and be glad;
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
- 33 For the Lord hears the needy,
and does not despise his own that are in bonds.
- 34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves in them. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 5.12-15

The free gift is not like the trespass.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 12 Just as sin came into the world through one man,
and death came through sin,
so death spread to all because all have sinned.
- 13 Sin was indeed in the world before the law,
but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 15.26, 27

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

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10.26-33

Do not fear those who kill the body.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus summoned the twelve
and sent them out with the following instructions:

- 26 “Have no fear;
for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,
and nothing secret that will not become known.
- 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;
and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
- 28 “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.
- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from your Father.
- 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.
- 31 So do not be afraid;
you are of more value than many sparrows.
- 32 “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others,
I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;
- 33 but whoever denies me before others,
I also will deny before my Father in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.