

118 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

*To my holy mountain I will bring the foreigners
who join themselves to the Lord.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Thus says the Lord:
“Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
- 6 “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—
- 7 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.4-5)

- R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!
- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R.**
- 6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
- 7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

God's gifts and calling to Israel are irrevocable.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.
Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles,
I glorify my ministry
- 14 in order to make my own people jealous,
and thus save some of them.
- 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,
what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!
- 29 The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30 Just as you were once disobedient to God
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
31 so they have now been disobedient
in order that, by the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy.
- 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience
so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 4.23

*This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.
Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 15.21-28

Woman, great is your faith!

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22 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.”

23 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.”

24 He answered,
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

25 But the woman came and knelt before him,
saying, “Lord, help me.”

26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food
and throw it to the dogs.”

27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs
that fall from their masters’ table.”

28 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.