

# 124 TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20.7-9

*The word of the Lord has become for me reproach  
and derision all day long.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord:

- 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 “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.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (R.1a)

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

- 1 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.**
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you. **R.**

- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**  
7 For you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
8 My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me. **R.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 12.1-2**

*Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 1 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.  
2 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.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**See Ephesians 1.17-18**

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

*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.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-27

*If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

21 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 .

22 And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him , saying ,  
“God forbid it, Lord!

This must never happen to you.”

23 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 .”

24 Then Jesus told his disciples ,  
“If any want to become my followers ,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me .

25 For those who want to save their life will lose it ,  
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it .

26 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 ?

27 “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 .