

145 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus, to subdue nations before him.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- 4 “For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
- 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- 6 so that all may know,
from the rising of the sun and from the west,
that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96.1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9+10ac (R.7b)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples. R.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens. R.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts. R.

- 9 Worship the Lord in holy splendour;
 tremble before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!
 He will judge the peoples with equity.” **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

We remember your work of faith and labour of love
and steadfastness of hope.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

- 1 From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 to the church of the Thessalonians
 in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.
- 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you
 and mention you in our prayers,
3 constantly remembering before our God and Father
 your work of faith and labour of love
 and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,
 that he has chosen you,
5 because our message of the gospel
 came to you not in word only,
 but also in power and in the Holy Spirit
 and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Philippians 2.15-16

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.
**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.15-21

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables,
they realized that Jesus was speaking about them.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted
to entrap Jesus in what he said.

16 So they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying,
“Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth,
and show deference to no one;
for you do not regard people with partiality.

17 Tell us, then, what you think.
Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

19 Show me the coin used for the tax.”
And they brought him a denarius.

20 Then he said to them,
“Whose head is this, and whose title?”

21 They answered, “The emperor's.”
Then he said to them,
“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.”

The gospel of the Lord.