

July 7, 2024: The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet,

and I heard the One Who was speaking say to me:

Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
rebels who have rebelled against Me;

they and their ancestors have revolted against Me to this very day.

Hard of face and obstinate of heart

are they to whom I am sending you.

But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD!

And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—

they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

To You I lift up my eyes

Who are enthroned in Heaven —

As the eyes of servants

are on the hands of their masters.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

As the eyes of a maid

are on the hands of her mistress,

So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,

till He have pity on us.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,

for we are more than sated with contempt;

our souls are more than sated

with the mockery of the arrogant,

with the contempt of the proud.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to His native place, accompanied by His disciples. When the sabbath came He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished. They said, “Where did this Man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given Him? What mighty deeds are wrought by His hands! Is He not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and the Brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So He was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying His hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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First Reading**Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14**

R. (8) Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD —for He proclaims peace.

Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from Heaven.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

The LORD Himself will give His benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before Him,
and prepare the way of His steps.

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Second Reading**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him. In love He destined us for adoption to Himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of His will, for the praise of the glory of His grace that He granted us in the beloved. In Him we have redemption by His Blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of His grace that He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, He has made known to us the mystery of His will in accord with His favor that He set forth in Him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in Heaven and on earth.

In Him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One Who accomplishes all things according to the intention of His will, so that we might exist for the praise of His glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In Him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Ephesians 1:3-10

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Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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First Reading**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of My pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
against the shepherds who shepherd My people:
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to
David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the
land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
This is the name they give him:
“The LORD our justice.”

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6**

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures He gives me repose;
beside restful waters He leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths

for His Name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for You are at my side
with Your rod and Your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Second Reading**Ephesians 2:13-18**

Brothers and sisters:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the Blood of Christ.

For He is our peace, He Who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that He might create in Himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the Cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Gospel Reading**Mark 6:30-34**

The Apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

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First Reading**2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?"

Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."

"For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"

And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**

R. (cf. 16) The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

Let all Your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let Your faithful ones bless You.

Let them discourse of the glory of Your kingdom
and speak of Your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to You,
and You give them their food in due season;

You open Your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all His ways
and holy in all His works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

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Second Reading**Ephesians 4:1-6**

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.

Gospel Reading**John 6:1-15**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs He was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised His eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to Him, He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"

He said this to test him, because He Himself knew what He was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little."

One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people recline."

Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, He said to His disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign He had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the One Who is to come into the world."

Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry Him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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