

Thursday of the eleventh week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 18 Jun 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

SIRACH 48:1-14 (JB)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Elijah was shrouded in the whirlwind, and Elisha was filled with his spirit.

The prophet Elijah arose like a fire, his word flaring like a torch. It was he who brought famine on them, and who decimated them in his zeal. By the word of the Lord, he shut up the heavens, he also, three times, brought down fire. How glorious you were in your miracles, Elijah! Has anyone reason to boast as you have? - rousing a corpse from death, from Sheol by the word of the Most High; dragging kings down to destruction, and high dignitaries from their beds; hearing reproof on Sinai, and decrees of punishment on Horeb; anointing kings as avengers, and prophets to succeed you; taken up in the whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with fiery horses; designated in the prophecies of doom to allay God's wrath before the fury breaks, to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy shall they be who see you, and those who have fallen asleep in love; for we too will have life.

Elijah was shrouded in the whirlwind, and Elisha was filled with his spirit; throughout his life no ruler could shake him, and no one could subdue him. No task was too hard for him, and even in death his body prophesied. In his lifetime he performed wonders, and in death his works were marvellous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 96:1-7 (JB)

R. Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. R.

A fire prepares his path; it burns up his foes on every side. His lightnings light up the world, the earth trembles at the sight. R.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed, those who boast of their worthless gods. All you spirits, worship him. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ROMANS 8:15 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In your prayers do not babble as the pagans do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard. Do not be like them; your Father knows what you need before you ask him. So you should pray like this:

'Our Father in heaven, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us. And do not put us to the test, but save us from the evil one.

'Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.