

Wednesday of the thirteenth week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 1 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

AMOS 5:14-15, 21-24 (JB)

Take away your sacrifices, but let your justice flow like an unfailing stream.

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord, God of hosts, may really be with you as you claim he is. Hate evil, love good, maintain justice at the city gate, and it may be that the Lord, God of hosts, will take pity on the remnant of Joseph.

The Lord says this: I hate and despise your feasts, I take no pleasure in your solemn festivals. When you offer me holocausts, I reject your oblations, and refuse to look at your sacrifices of fattened cattle. Let me have no more din of your chanting, no more of your strumming on harps. But let justice flow like water, and integrity like an unfailing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 49:7-13, 16-17 (JB)

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

'Listen, my people, I will speak; Israel, I will testify against you, for I am God your God. **R.**

'I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before me. I do not ask more bullocks from your farms, nor goats from among your herds. **R.**

'I own all the beasts of the forest, beasts in their thousands on my hills. I know all the birds in the sky, all that moves in the field belongs to me. **R.**

'Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for I own the world and all it holds. Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? **R.**

'How can you recite my commandments and take my covenant on your lips, you who despise my law and throw my words to the winds?' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *JAMES 1:18 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 8:28-34 (JB)

He came at this time to torture the demons.

When Jesus reached the country of the Gadarenes on the other side of the Lake, two demoniacs came towards him out of the tombs - creatures so fierce that no one could pass that way. They stood there shouting, 'What do you want with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the time?' Now some distance away there was a large herd of pigs feeding, and the devils pleaded with Jesus, 'If you cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs.' And he said to them, 'Go then,' and they came out and made for the pigs; and at that the whole herd charged down the cliff and into the lake and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off and made for the town, where they told the whole story, including what had happened to the demoniacs. At this the whole town set out to meet Jesus; and as soon as they saw him they implored him to leave the neighbourhood.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.