

WEDNESDAY FOURTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY

TIME

Wednesday 8 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

HOSEA 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 (JB)

It is time to go seeking the Lord God.

Israel was a luxuriant vine yielding plenty of fruit. The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built; the richer his land became, the richer he made the sacred stones. Their heart is a divided heart; very well, they must pay for it; the Lord is going to break their altars down and destroy their sacred stones. Then they will say, 'We have no king because we have not feared the Lord.' But what can a king do for us?

Samaria has had her day. Her king is like a straw drifting on the water. The idolatrous high places shall be destroyed - that sin of Israel; thorn and thistle will grow on their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, 'Cover us!' and to the hills, 'Fall on us!'

Sow integrity for yourselves, reap a harvest of kindness, breakup your fallow ground: it is time to go seeking the Lord until he comes to rain salvation on you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 104:2-7 (JB)

R. Seek always the face of the Lord.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

R.

Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. **R.**

O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. He, the Lord, is our God: his judgements prevail in all the earth. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARK 1:15 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:1-7 (JB)

Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.