

MONDAY FIFTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 13 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 1:10-17 (JB)

Make yourselves clean, take your evil out of my sight.

Hear the word of the Lord, your rulers of Sodom:
listen to the command of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

'What are your endless sacrifices to me?' says the Lord.

I am sick of holocausts of rams and the fat of calves.

The blood of bulls and of goats revolts me.

When you come to present yourselves before me,
who asked you to trample over my courts?

Bring me your worthless offerings no more,
the smoke of them fills me with disgust.

New Moons, sabbaths, assemblies -

I cannot endure festival and solemnity.

Your New Moons and your pilgrimages

I hate with all my soul.

They lie heavy on me.

I am tired of bearing them.

'When you stretch out your hands I turn my eyes away.

You may multiply your prayers, I shall not listen.

Your hands are covered with blood, wash, make yourselves clean.

'Take your wrong-doing out of my sight.

Cease to do evil.

Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 (JB)*

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

'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.**

'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.**

'You do this, and should I keep silence? Do you think that I am like you? A sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me and I will show God's salvation to the upright.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *MATTHEW 5:10 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:34 - 11:1 (JB)

I have not come to bring peace, but the sword.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies will be those of his own household.

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples he moved on from there to teach and preach in their towns.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.