

TUESDAY FIFTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday 14 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 7:1-9 (JB)

If you do not stand by me, you will perish.

In the reign of Ahaz son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Razon the king of Afam went up against Jerusalem with Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, to lay siege to it; but he was unable to capture it.

The news was brought to the House of David. 'Aram,' they said, 'has reached Ephraim.' Then the heart of the king and the hearts of the people shuddered as the trees of the forest shudder in front of the wind. The Lord said to Isaiah, 'Go with your son Shear-jashub, and meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the Fuller's Field road, and say to him:

"Pay attention, keep calm, have no fear, do not let your heart sink because of these two smouldering stumps of firebrands, or because Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah have plotted to ruin you, and have said:

Let us invade Judah and terrorise it and seize it for ourselves, and set up a king there, the son of Tabeel.

The Lord says this:

It shall not come true; it shall not be. The capital of Aram is Damascus, the head of Damascus, Razon; the capital of Ephraim, Samaria, the head of Samaria, the son of Remaliah.

Six or five years more and shattered Ephraim shall no longer be a people. But if you do not stand by me, you will not stand at all."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 47:2-8 (JB)

R. God upholds his city for ever.

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain rises in beauty, the joy of all the earth.

R.

Mount Zion, true pole of the earth, the Great King's city! God, in the midst of its citadels, has shown himself its stronghold. **R.**

For the kings assembled together, together they advanced. They saw, at once they were astounded; dismayed, they fled in fear.

R.

A trembling seized them there, like the pangs of birth, or as the east wind destroys the ships of Tarshish. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF PS 94:8 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:20-24 (JB)

It will not go as hard with Tyre and Sidon and the land of Sodom on Judgement Day as with you.

Jesus began to reproach the towns in which most of his miracles had been worked, because they refused to repent.

'Alas for you, Chorazin! Alas for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. And still, I tell you that it will not go as hard on Judgement day with Tyre and Sidon as with you. And as for you, Capernaum, did you want to be exalted as high as heaven? You shall be thrown down to hell. For if the miracles done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have been standing yet. And still, I tell you that it will not go as hard as with the land of Sodom on Judgement day as with you.'

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.