

SATURDAY FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 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

MICAH 2:1-5 (JB)

They seized the fields and houses that they coveted.

Woe to those who plot evil, who lie in bed planning mischief! No sooner is it dawn than they do it. - their hands have the strength for it.

Seizing the fields that they covet, they take over houses as well, owner and house they confiscate together, taking both man and inheritance.

So the Lord says this: Now it is I who plot such mischief against this breed as your necks will not escape; nor will you be able to walk proudly, so evil will the time be.

On that day they will make a satire on you, sing a dirge and say, 'We are stripped of everything; my people's portion is measured out and shared, no one will give back to them, our fields are awarded to our despoiler.'

Therefore you will have no one to measure out a share in the community of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 9B:1-4, 7-8, 14 (JB)

R. Do not forget the poor, O Lord!

Lord, why do you stand afar off and hide yourself in times of distress? The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked: he is caught in the schemes that others have made. **R.**

For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desires; the covetous blasphemes and spurns the Lord. In his pride the wicked says: 'He will not punish. There is no God.' Such are his thoughts. **R.**

His mouth is full of cursing, guile, oppression, mischief and deceit under his tongue. He lies in wait among the reeds; the innocent he murders in secret. **R.**

But you have seen the trouble and sorrow, you note it, you take it in hand. The helpless trusts himself to you; for you are the helper of the orphan. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 12:14-21 (JB)

He did not show himself to them that what had been said would be fulfilled.

The Pharisees went out and began to plot against Jesus, discussing how to destroy him.

Jesus knew this and with drew from the district. Many followed him and he cured them all, but warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah:

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved, the favourite of my soul. I will endow him with my spirit, and he will proclaim the true faith to the nations. He will not brawl or shout, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break the crushed reed, nor put out the smouldering wick till he has led the truth to victory: in his name the nations will put their hope.

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.