

MONDAY SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 20 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

MICAH 6:1-4, 6-8 (JB)

I will explain to you, people, what it is the Lord God asks of you.

Listen to what the Lord is saying:

Stand up and let the case begin in the hearing of the mountains and let the hills hear what you say. Listen, you mountains, to the Lord's accusation, give ear, you foundations of the earth, for the Lord is accusing his people, pleading against Israel:

My people, what have I done to you, how have I been a burden to you? Answer me. I brought you out of the land of Egypt, I rescued you from the house of slavery; I sent Moses to lead you, with Aaron and Miriam.

– 'With what gift shall I come into the Lord's presence and bow down before God on high? Shall I come with holocausts, with calves one year old? Will he be pleased with rams by the thousand, with libations of oil in torrents?

Must I give my first-born for what I have done wrong, the fruit of my body for my own sin? - What is good has been explained to you, man; this is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PS 49:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 (JB)*

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

'Summon before me my people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.' The heavens proclaim his justice, you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage, you calmed the heat of your anger. **R.**

Revive us now, God, our helper! Put an end to your grievance against us. Will you be angry with us for ever, will your anger never cease? **R.**

Will you not restore again our life that your people may rejoice in you? Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF PS 94:8 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 12:38-42 (JB)

On Judgement Day the Queen of the South will rise up with this generation and condemn it.

Some of the scribes and Pharisees spoke up. 'Master,' they said 'we should like to see a sign from you.' Jesus replied, 'It is an evil and unfaithful generation that asks for a sign! The only sign that it will be given is the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was in the belly of the sea-monster for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. On Judgement day the men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation and condemn it, because when Jonah preached they repented; and there is something greater than Jonah here. On Judgement day the Queen of the South will rise up with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.