

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

This is a reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said to God,

“People are whispering terrible things about me,
and I am afraid. They are saying,

‘Ignore him! Reject him!’

“Even people who used to be my friends
are waiting for me to make a mistake. They are saying,

‘Maybe God will reject him, and he will fall.
Then we can get even with him.’ ”

Then Jeremiah said to God,

“But I know that you are with me, like a mighty hero.
Those who hate me will not be able to hurt me.
They will be ashamed and dishonored.
You see everything, and you understand every heart.
I know you will stop my enemies
because I have put my trust in you.
You save the lives of the poor from the power of evil people.
I will sing praise to you, my God; I will sing praise!”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 92*

1. I will sing praise to you. I will sing praise to you, my God.
2. I will sing praise to you. I will sing for all you do.

Verse:

We proclaim you are great. We proclaim your faithful love.

(Repeat Response 2 after Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“If you show you believe in me, I will tell God you belong to me.”
Alleluia! “Believe in me.” Alleluia! “You belong to me.”

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:26-33*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Don’t be afraid of anyone.
Everything that I am telling you in secret
I want you to proclaim out loud to everyone.
Don’t be afraid of people who can kill only your body.
They can’t kill your soul.
Think more about God
who has power over both your body and your soul.
You know that two little sparrows
can be sold for only a penny.
Yet, not even one sparrow dies
unless God allows it to happen.
You are much more valuable to God
than many sparrows.
So don’t be afraid.

“If you stand up for me in front of other people,
I will tell God in heaven that you belong to me.
If you don’t stand up for me in front of other people,
I will tell God in heaven that you do not belong to me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.