

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Our God says:

“Do what is right and treat everyone with fairness.
For I am coming soon to save all people,
and they will see my justice.
Foreigners will come to me.
If they love my name and serve me,
if they keep my covenant,
I will bring them to my holy mountain,
and I will give them joy in my house of prayer.
I will accept their sacrifices and their gifts at my altar.
Yes, my house will be a house of prayer for everyone,
for all people.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalms 122*

In the House of our God, in the House of our God,
we give praise to the Lord in the House of our God.

Verses:

1. I was glad when they said, “Let us go to God’s House!”
And now with joy we are standing.
2. Jerusalem is built as the city of our God;
here the people are singing.
3. It is here that we find peace for our families and friends,
here that we find justice.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Leader: Your Word brings us healing. *All:* Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader: Your Word, Lord, is all we need. *All:* Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 15:21-28*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

One day a woman from Canaan came to Jesus and cried,
“O Lord, Son of David, help me!
My daughter is suffering terribly
because she has an evil spirit in her.”

But Jesus didn't say anything.

His disciples were upset with the woman and said to Jesus,

“Tell that woman to go away. She's following us around
and keeps shouting at us to help her.”

But Jesus said to them,

“I came for the people of Israel.
I am here to save my people who are lost.”

But the woman came and knelt in front of Jesus and said,

“Please, Lord, help me.”

Jesus said,

“It isn't fair to take the children's food and give it to the dogs.”

The woman said,

“Yes, Lord, that's true.
But even the dogs are allowed to eat the scraps
that fall off their master's table.”

Jesus said to her,

“You are a woman with great faith,
and you will have what you asked for.”

At that very moment, her daughter got well.

The Gospel of the Lord.