



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

This is what God says to Cyrus, King of Persia,
“Because I love my chosen people of Israel,
I have called you by your name.
I give you a title of honor,
even though you do not know me.
I am God, and there is no other God besides me.
I am the only God.
Even though you do not know me,
I give you strength.
I do this so that people everywhere will know
that there is no other God but me.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 96*

All the nations will praise you and know that you are God.

Verses:

1. Give God glory. Give honor and praise.
2. Proclaim salvation day after day.
3. Tell the nations God's wonderful deeds.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Give to God what belongs to God."
Alleluia. "What belongs to God."

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:15-21*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Some Jewish leaders, called Pharisees,
wanted to trick Jesus into saying something wrong.
So they went to him and said,

"Teacher, we know that you are honest
and that you always teach the truth about God.
We know that you are not afraid
of what other people will say about you.
You treat everyone the same.
So tell us what you think about this—
should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were trying to trick him, so he said,

"You phonies! Why are you trying to trick me?
Show me the money you use to pay your taxes."

Jesus looked at it and said,

"Whose picture is on this money, and whose name?"

They answered,

"Caesar's."

So Jesus said,

"Well then, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and give to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.