

TODAY'S MASS

25th June 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.**

THE COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Jeremiah said:

20:10-13

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

68:8-10.14.17.33-35 R v14

R) In your great love, answer me, O God.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,
and thus death has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one
could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned
over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that
of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one
man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine
grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so
many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn1:14.12

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in
hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not
one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every
hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be
afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father
in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of
men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 144: 15

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

