

SECOND SUNDAY



First Reading † Isaiah 49:3.5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me,

'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 39:2.4.7-10

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † John 1:14.12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,

‘Look, there is the lamb of God
that takes away the sin of the world.
This is the one I spoke of when I said:
A man is coming after me
who ranks before me
because he existed before me.

I did not know him myself,
and yet it was to reveal him to Israel
that I came baptising with water.’

John also declared,

‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him
from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

I did not know him myself,
but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me,
“The man on whom you see the Spirit
come down and rest is the one
who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.”

Yes, I have seen and I am the witness
that he is the Chosen One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.