

TENTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year A

First Reading † Hosea 6:3-6

What I want is love, not sacrifice, says the Lord.

A reading from the prophet Hosea

Let us know, let us strive to know the Lord.
His coming is as sure as the dawn.
He will come to us like a shower,
like the rain of springtime on the earth.

What am I to do with you, Ephraim?
What am I to do with you, Judah?
For your love is like morning mist,
like the dew that quickly disappears.

Therefore have I hacked them to pieces
by means of the prophets,
I have killed them with words from my mouth,
my judgement will blaze forth like the light,
for my pleasure is in faithful love, not sacrifice,
knowledge of God, not burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 49:1.8.12-15

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

The God of gods, the Lord,
has spoken and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
'I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.'

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

'Were I hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness is mine.
Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

'Offer to God a sacrifice of praise,
and fulfil your vows to the Most High.
Then call on me in the day of distress.
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Second Reading † Romans 4:18-25

He drew strength from his faith while giving glory to God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Hoping against hope he believed that he would become *father of many nations* in fulfilment of the promise, *so will your descendants be*. Without weakening in faith he was aware that his body was already as good as dead – he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah’s womb was barren.

He did not waver in mistrust towards the promise of God but was fortified by faith, giving glory to God, fully convinced that whatever God promised he has the power also to perform.

Therefore it was *reckoned to him as righteousness*. Scripture says ‘it was reckoned’ not for himself alone but also for us, to whom it was destined to be reckoned, who believe in the one who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus who was *handed over to death for our sins* and raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 9:9-13

I did not come to call the just, but sinners.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

As Jesus was walking on from there he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him,

‘Follow me.’

And he got up and followed him. Now while he was at table in the house it happened that see, a number of tax collectors and sinners came to sit at the table with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this they said to his disciples,

‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’

When he heard this he replied,

‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

Go and learn what this means, *My pleasure is in mercy, not sacrifice*.

And indeed I came to call not the righteous, but sinners.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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