

TWELFTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year A

First Reading † Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I heard so many whispering about me,
'Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who seemed at peace with me
were watching for me to slip,
'Perhaps he will be tricked into error.
Then we shall get the better of him
and then we can take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side like a mighty hero.
So my opponents will stumble
and will not prevail.
Utterly shamed by their failure,
their eternal disgrace will not be forgotten.

Lord Sabaoth, you who test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
I shall see your vengeance on them,
for I have revealed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he delivers the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 68:8-10.14.17.33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

But I pray to you, O Lord,
for a time of your favour.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your salvation that never fails.
Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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 own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading † Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Therefore, just as through one man sin *came into the world*, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race in so far as everyone has sinned – sin already existed in the world before there was any law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Nonetheless death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sin was not after the model of Adam's transgression, who prefigured the one who was to come.

Yet the free gift is not like the offence. If death came to many through the offence of one man, how much more plentiful has been the grace of God and the free gift in the love of the one man Jesus Christ coming to so many!

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † John 15:26.27

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'So do not be afraid of them.
Everything now covered up will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.
What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; 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.

'Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? And yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father. Of you, even the hairs on your head have been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

'Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me in the presence of others, I will acknowledge in the presence of my Father in heaven. But whoever denies me in the presence of others, I will deny in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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