THIRD SUNDAY



First Reading # Jonah 3:1-5.10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time saying,

'Up! Go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the message I tell you.'

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare; to cross it took three days.

Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city and then proclaimed,

'Only forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown.'

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which he had said he would bring on them and did not bring it.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial ‡ Psalm 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your acts of merciful love, for they are of old.

In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; he shows the way to sinners. He guides the humble in right judgement; to the humble he teaches his way.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading ‡ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

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

But this I say, brothers and sisters, the time is now limited; from now on those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, those who buy as though they had nothing, and those who do business in the world as though they did not, for the present pattern of the world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation ‡ Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Repent, and believe the Good News.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel from God and saying,

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has drawn near.

Repent and believe in the gospel.'

As he was walking along by the Lake of Galilee he saw Simon and Simon's brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them,

'Come after me and I will make you fishers of people.'

And at once, leaving their nets, they followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending the nets. At once he called them and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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