

NINTH SUNDAY



First Reading † 1 Kings 8:41-43

When the stranger comes, hear him.

A reading from the first book of Kings

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord and, stretching out his hand towards heaven, said:

‘Also the foreigner, not belonging to your people Israel but coming from a far off land, because of your name – for they will hear of your name, of your mighty hand and outstretched arm. If a foreigner comes and prays in this Temple, listen from heaven where you reside, and grant all that the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may acknowledge your name and, like your people Israel, revere you and know that your name has been invoked over this Temple, which I have built.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 116:1-2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

For his merciful love towards us is great;
and the Lord’s faithfulness is for ever.

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading † Galatians 1:1-2.6-10

If I tried to please people, I could not be a servant of Christ.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

From Paul, an apostle made so not by human beings nor through any human being but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead, and from all the brothers and sisters who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.

I am astonished that you are so promptly turning away from the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are changing over to a different gospel – not that it is another gospel; except that there are some who are troubling you and seeking to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we ourselves or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel other than the one we did proclaim to you, let that person be accursed. As we said before, and so now repeat: if anyone proclaims to you a gospel other than the one you received, let that person be accursed. Am I now trying to convince human beings or God? Am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people I would not be a servant of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 7:1-10

Nowhere in Israel have I found as much faith.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had come to the end of all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he went into Capernaum. A centurion there had a servant, a favourite of his, who was sick and near death. Having heard about Jesus he sent some Jewish elders to him to ask him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus they pleaded earnestly with him saying,

‘He deserves this of you, because he loves our people,
and he built us our synagogue himself.’

So Jesus went with them, and was not far from the house when the centurion sent word by some friends to say to him,

‘Lord, do not put yourself to any trouble because I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; and that is why I did not presume to come to you myself; but only speak a word and let my boy be cured.

For I am under authority myself, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, “Go,” and he goes; to another, “Come,” and he comes; to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’

When Jesus heard these words he was astonished at him and, turning round, said to the crowd following him,

‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found faith as great as this.’

And when the messengers got back to the house they found the servant in perfect health.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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