

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY



First Reading † Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:

'I am coming to gather every nation and every language. They will come to witness my glory. I shall place among them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of me or seen my glory.

They will proclaim my glory to the nations, and from all the nations they will bring all your kindred as an offering to the Lord, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to my holy mountain, Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring offerings in clean vessels to the house of the Lord. And some of them I shall make into priests and Levites,' says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 116

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 † Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text which addresses you as sons?

*My son, do not scorn correction from the Lord,
do not resent his training,
for the Lord trains those he loves,
and chastises every son he accepts.*

Persevere for the sake of training! God is treating you as his *sons*. What son is there whom the father does not train?

Of course, any discipline at the time is painful rather than pleasant; but later, in those who have undergone it, it bears the peaceful fruit of righteousness. So *steady all drooping hands and weak knees* and straighten the paths for your feet; then the injured limb will not be maimed, it will be healed instead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him,

‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’

He said to them,

‘Strive to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself standing outside knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us,” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.”

Then you will start saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets,” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from; *away from me, all evil doers!*”

Then there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrown out. And people from east and west, from north and south, will come and sit down at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Look, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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