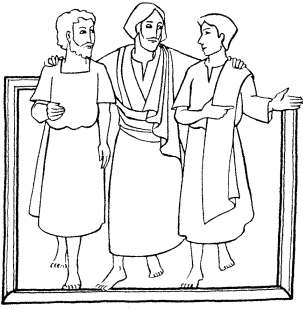


October 18th



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: God our Father, you will all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth. Send workers into your great harvest that the gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love. We ask this...

FIRST READING

(Prophet Isaiah reminds Israelites to keep justice and do righteousness, so that they may obtain salvation, and also they can draw others to worship the One God in his holy Temple.)

A reading from the book of Isaiah (56:1, 6-7)

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

"The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (95)

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R./

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R./

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. R./

Worship the Lord in his temple; O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is King." R./

SECOND READING

(Apostle Paul instructs Timothy how to conduct himself as a Christian leader. He reminds him of God's plan of salvation for all humankind, and also the duty to proclaim the message of salvation to all.)

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy (2:1-8)

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanks-givings be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling. This is the Word of the Lord

ACCLAMATION (Jn 3:16)

Alleluia! Alleluia! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Christ came on earth to carry out his Father's eternal plan of salvation for all humankind. Before Ascension, Christ solemnly commissions his Apostles to bring the Good News to every race and nation.)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (16:15-20)

Jesus said to the eleven, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. This is the Gospel of the Lord