

Sunday 21 Jul 2024

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B**

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing
heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is
good.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will
gather to me, and bring them
back to their pastures.*

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow
the flock of my pasture to be
destroyed and scattered – it is the
Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is
what the Lord, the God of Israel, says
about the shepherds in charge of my
people: You have let my flock be
scattered and go wandering and have
not taken care of them. Right, I will
take care of you for your misdeeds – it
is the Lord who speaks! But the
remnant of my flock I myself will
gather from all the countries where I
have dispersed them, and will bring
them back to their pastures: they shall
be fruitful and increase in numbers. I
will raise up shepherds to look after
them and pasture them; no fear, no
terror for them any more; not one
shall be lost – it is the Lord who
speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the
Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch
for David,

who will reign as true king and be
wise,
practising honesty and integrity in
the land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be
called:

The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff,
with these you give me comfort.
(R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for
me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with
oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I
dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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