

13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Year A)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (56:1,6-8)

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold 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.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 67: 1-4

God be merciful to/ us and/ bless us: And show us the/ light/ of his/ countenance

Let your ways be/ known upon/ earth: your saving/ health a-/mong all/ nations.

Let the peoples/ praise you, O/ God; Let/ all the/ peoples/ praise you.

Let the nations be glad and/ sing for/ joy: for you judge the peoples with equity* and/ guide all the/ nations on earth.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (11:1-2a,29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!

I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Matthew (15:21-28)

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'

He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.'

And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ