

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20th July 2008

First Reading

Isa. 44:6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Do not fear, or be afraid

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading

Rom. 8:26-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The spirit pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray

as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mtt. 13:24-43

☩ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

℟: **Glorify to you Lord Christ.**

Let them grow together until the harvest

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

For the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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