

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15th August, 2010

First Reading

Jer. 38:2-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Your bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world

Thus says the Lord, Those who stay in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but those who go out to the Chaldeans shall live; they shall have their lives as a prize of war, and live. Thus says the Lord, This city shall surely be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon and be taken. Then the officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. The king happened to be sitting at the Benjamin Gate, So Ebed-melech left the king's house and spoke to the king, "My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies." Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40(39)

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

R.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

R.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear,
and shall trust in the Lord.

R.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help
O God, do not delay.

R.

Second Reading

Heb. 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Lk. 12:49-53

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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