

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**22nd August, 2010**

**First Reading** **Isa. 66:18b-21**  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

Thus says the Lord: "I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud — which draw the bow — to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord."

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 117(116)**  
**Response:** *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

O praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Acclaim him, all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading** **Heb. 12:5-13**  
**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children — "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in

which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Lk. 13:22-30**  
✠ **A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**  
**R. Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' Then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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