

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24th August 2008

## First Reading

Is. 51:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 138

**Response:** *Lord your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

## Second Reading

Rom. 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

*From him, through him, and in him are all things*

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?" "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mtt. 16:13-20

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

℟: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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