

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19th July, 2009

## First Reading

Jer. 23:1-6

### A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22 (23)

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for  
me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and  
your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

Eph. 2:11-22

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

*Christ is the peace between us.*

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

## GOSPEL

Mk. 6:30-34

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

**R: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognised them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**