

**Sunday 21st June 2020**  
**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

**Collect**

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!'

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who prove with justice, who scrutinise the lions and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take I them, for I have committed my cause too you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

For he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,

That I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour

In your great love, answer me, O God,

With your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind

In your compassion, turn towards me

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;

For the Lord listens to the needy

and does not spurn his servants in their chains

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

The sea and all its living creatures  
Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no. One could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

The Word was made flesh and lived among us, so all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia

## **GOSPEL READING**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what your head in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not. Be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy sparrows for a penny? and yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid, you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown I the presence of my Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Or

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.