

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady of the Annunciation
King's Lynn
Norfolk**

Mass Readings for
Friday, 10th July 2020

Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings
From the Office of Readings

Liturgical Colour: Green

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First reading - Hosea 14:2-10

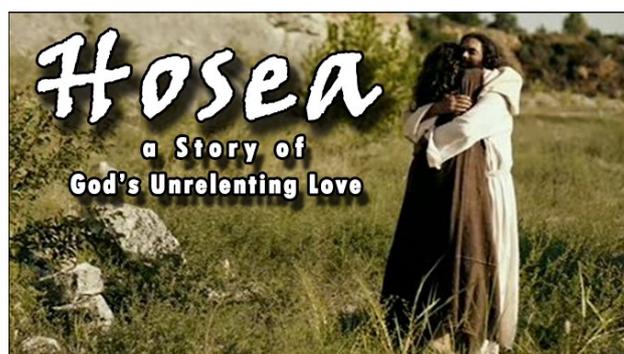
A call to conversion and promise of safety

The Lord says this:

Israel, come back to the Lord your God;
your iniquity was the cause of your downfall.
Provide yourself with words
and come back to the Lord.
Say to him, 'Take all iniquity away
so that we may have happiness again
and offer you our words of praise.
Assyria cannot save us,
we will not ride horses any more,
or say, "Our God!" to what our own hands have made,
for you are the one in whom orphans find compassion.'
– I will heal their disloyalty,
I will love them with all my heart,
for my anger has turned from them.
I will fall like dew on Israel.
He shall bloom like the lily,
and thrust out roots like the poplar,
his shoots will spread far;
he will have the beauty of the olive
and the fragrance of Lebanon.
They will come back to live in my shade;
they will grow corn that flourishes,
they will cultivate vines
as renowned as the wine of Helbon.
What has Ephraim to do with idols any more
when it is I who hear his prayer and care for him?
I am like a cypress ever green,
all your fruitfulness comes from me.

Let the wise man understand these words.
Let the intelligent man grasp their meaning.
For the ways of the Lord are straight,
and virtuous men walk in them,
but sinners stumble.

The Word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50(51):3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17

My mouth shall declare your praise.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My mouth shall declare your praise.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then O shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

My mouth shall declare your praise.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

My mouth shall declare your praise.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord remains for ever:

What is this word?

It is the Good News that has been brought to you.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:16-23

The Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Remember, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be cunning as serpents and yet as harmless as doves.

'Beware of men: they will hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you. 'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, take refuge in the next; and if they persecute you in that, take refuge in another. I tell you solemnly, you will not have gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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<https://universalis.com/europe.english.eastanglia/20200710/readings.htm>

First reading - 1 Kings 1:11-35, 2:10-12

David selects Solomon as his successor

Then Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, 'Have you not heard that unknown to our lord David, Adonijah, Haggith's son, has become king? Well, this is my advice to you if you want to save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. Go straight in to King David and say, "My lord king, did you not make your servant this promise on oath: Your son Solomon is to be king after me; he is the one who is to sit on my throne? How is it, then, that Adonijah is king?" And while you are still there talking to the king, I will come in after you and confirm what you say.'

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room (he was very old and Abishag of Shunem was in attendance on him). She knelt down and did homage to the king, and the king said, 'What is your wish?' 'My lord,' she answered 'you swore this to your servant by the Lord your God, "Your son Solomon is to be king after me; he is the one who is to sit on my throne." And now here is Adonijah king and you, my lord king, knowing nothing about it. He has sacrificed quantities of oxen and fatted calves and sheep, and invited all the royal princes, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the army commander; but he has not invited your servant Solomon. Yet you are the man, my lord king, to whom all Israel looks, to name for them the successor of my lord the king. And when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, my son Solomon and I will be made to suffer for this.'

She was still speaking when the prophet Nathan entered. 'The prophet Nathan is here' they told the king; and he came into the king's presence and bowed down to the ground on his face before the king. 'My lord king,' said Nathan 'is this, then, your decree: "Adonijah is to be king after me; he is the one who is to sit on my throne"? For he has gone down today and sacrificed quantities of oxen and fattened calves and sheep, and invited all the royal princes, the army chiefs, and the priest Abiathar; and they are there now, eating and drinking in his presence and shouting, "Long live King Adonijah!" He has not, however, invited me your servant, Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, or your servant Solomon. Is this with my lord the king's approval? Or have you not told those loyal to you who is to succeed to the throne of my lord the king?'

Then King David spoke. 'Call Bathsheba to me' he said. And she came into the king's presence and stood before him. Then the king swore this oath, 'As the Lord lives, who has delivered me from all adversity, just as I swore to you by the Lord the God of Israel that your son Solomon should be king after me and take my place on the throne, so I will bring it about this very day.' Bathsheba knelt down, her face to the ground, and did homage to the king. 'May my lord King David live for ever!' she said. Then King David said, 'Summon Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' So they came into the king's presence. 'Take the royal guard with you,' said the king 'mount my son Solomon on my own mule and escort him down to Gihon. There Zadok the priest and the prophet Nathan are to

anoint him king of Israel; then sound the trumpet and shout, “Long live King Solomon!” Then you are to follow him up and he is to come and take his seat on my throne and be king in place of me, for he is the man I have appointed as ruler of Israel and of Judah.’

So David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the Citadel of David. David’s reign over Israel lasted forty years: he reigned in Hebron for seven years, and in Jerusalem for thirty-three.

Solomon was seated upon the throne of David, and his sovereignty was securely established.

Responsory - Song of Solomon 3:11; Psalm 72:1-2

R. Come out, O daughters of Zion, and see King Solomon wearing the crown that was his mother’s gift to him, * on his day of triumph.

V. Grant to the king, O God, your own skill in judgement: may he deal out justice to the people and to your poor, redress, * on his day of triumph.

Second reading - From a letter of Pope St Clement I to the Corinthians

We are blessed if we fulfil the commands of the Lord in the harmony of love

Beloved, see what a marvellous thing love is; its perfection is beyond our expression. Who can truly love save those to whom God grants it? We ought to beg and beseech him in his mercy that our love may be genuine, unmarred by any too human inclination. From Adam down to the present time all generations have passed away; but those who were perfected in love by God’s grace have a place among the saints who will be revealed when the kingdom of Christ comes to us. As it is written: *Enter your chambers for a little while, until my wrath and anger pass away; and I shall remember a good day and raise you from your graves.* We are blessed, beloved, if we fulfil the commands of the Lord in harmonious, loving union, so that through love our sins may be forgiven. For it is written: *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose mouth there is no deceit.* This is the blessing that has been given to those who have been chosen by God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

We should pray then that we may be granted forgiveness for our sins and for whatever we may have done when led astray by our adversary’s servants. And for those who were the leaders of the schism and the sedition, they too should look to the common hope. For those who live in pious fear and in love are willing to endure torment rather than have their neighbour suffer; and they more willingly suffer their own condemnation than the loss of that harmony that has been so nobly and righteously handed down to us. For it is better for a man to confess his sins than to harden his heart.

Who then among you is generous, who is compassionate, who is filled with love? He should speak out as follows: If I have been the cause of sedition, conflict and schisms, then I shall depart; I shall go away wherever you wish, and I shall do what the community wants, if only the flock of Christ live in peace with the presbyters who are set over them. Whoever acts thus would win great glory for himself in Christ, and he would be received everywhere, *for the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.* Thus have they acted in the past and will continue

to act in the future who live without regret as citizens in the city of God.

Responsory

- R.** This is the commandment that Christ gave us: * he who loves God must love his brother also.
- V.** The whole law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments. * He who loves God must love his brother also.

Let us pray.

Lord God,
when our world lay in ruins,
you raised it up again on the foundation of your Son's Passion and Death.
Give us grace to rejoice in the freedom from sin which he gained for us,
and bring us to everlasting joy.
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.

Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

- Thanks be to God.

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