

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

Mass Readings for
Tuesday, 14th July 2020

Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings
From the Office of Readings

Liturgical Colour: Green

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First reading - Isaiah 7:1-9

Isaiah tells the king not to fear

In the reign of Ahaz son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Razon the king of Aram went up against Jerusalem with Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, to lay siege to it; but he was unable to capture it.

The news was brought to the House of David. 'Aram' they said 'has reached Ephraim.' Then the heart of the king and the hearts of the people shuddered as the trees of the forest shudder in front of the wind. The Lord said to Isaiah, 'Go with your son Shear-jashub, and meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the Fuller's Field road, and say to him:

“Pay attention, keep calm, have no fear,
do not let your heart sink
because of these two smouldering stumps of firebrands,
or because Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah
have plotted to ruin you, and have said:
Let us invade Judah and terrorise it
and seize it for ourselves,
and set up a king there,
the son of Tabeel.
The Lord says this:
It shall not come true; it shall not be.
The capital of Aram is Damascus,
the head of Damascus, Razon;
the capital of Ephraim, Samaria,
the head of Samaria, the son of Remaliah.
Six or five years more
and a shattered Ephraim shall no longer be a people.
But if you do not stand by me,
you will not stand at all.”

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 47(48):2-8

God upholds his city for ever.

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain rises in beauty,
the joy of all the earth.

God upholds his city for ever.

Mount Zion, true pole of the earth,
the Great King's city!

God, in the midst of its citadels,
has shown himself its stronghold.

God upholds his city for ever.

For the kings assembled together,
together they advanced.

They saw; at once they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in fear.

God upholds his city for ever.

A trembling seized them there,
like the pangs of birth.

By the east wind you have destroyed
the ships of Tarshish.

God upholds his city for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Train me, Lord, to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 11:20-24

It will not go as hard with Sodom on Judgement Day as with you

Jesus began to reproach the towns in which most of his miracles had been worked, because they refused to repent.

‘Alas for you, Chorazin! Alas for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. And still, I tell you that it will not go as hard on Judgement day with Tyre and Sidon as with you. And as for you, Capernaum, did you want to be exalted as high as heaven? You shall be thrown down to hell. For if the miracles done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have been standing yet. And still, I tell you that it will not go as hard with the land of Sodom on Judgement day as with you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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From <https://universalis.com/europe.english.eastanglia/20200714/readings.htm>

First reading - 1 Kings 19:1-9, 11-21

The Lord reveals himself to Elijah

When Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had put all the prophets to the sword, Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods do this to me and more, if by this time tomorrow I have not made your life like the life of one of them!' He was afraid and fled for his life. He came to Beersheba, a town of Judah, where he left his servant. He himself went on into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

There he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then a voice came to him, which said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He replied, 'I am filled with jealous zeal for the Lord of Hosts, because the sons of Israel have deserted you, broken down your altars and put your prophets to the sword. I am the only one left and they want to kill me.'

'Go,' the Lord said 'go back by the same way to the wilderness of Damascus. You are to go and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. You are to anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king of Israel, and to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you. Anyone who escapes the sword of Hazael will be put to death by Jehu; and anyone who escapes the sword of Jehu will be put to death by Elisha. But I shall spare seven thousand in Israel: all the knees that have not bent before Baal, all the mouths that have not kissed him.'

Leaving there, he came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsory - Exodus 33:20-22; John 1:18

- R.** The Lord said to Moses: While my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by; * for no mortal man may see God and live.
- V.** No-one has ever seen God, but God's only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, has made him known; * for no mortal man may see God and live.

Second reading - From the treatise "On the Mysteries" by St Ambrose, bishop

The many prefigurations of baptism in Scripture

Listen to the Apostle's teaching: *For all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.* Moreover, Moses himself sings in triumph *You sent your Spirit and the sea covered them.* As you see, holy baptism was prefigured even then at the crossing of the sea, where the Egyptians perished but the Hebrews escaped. What else, after all, are we daily taught about baptism? That with the immersion in water, guilt is swallowed up and error done away with, but that virtue and innocence remain unharmed.

You hear that our fathers were under the cloud, a kindly cloud which cooled the heat of carnal passions. That kindly cloud overshadows those whom the Holy Spirit visits. Finally it came upon the Virgin Mary, and the Power of the Most High overshadowed her, when she conceived Redemption for the race of men. The miracle worked by Moses was a prefiguration of this miracle. But then – if the Spirit was in the figure, how can he not be present in the reality? As Scripture says, *The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

Marah was a spring of unendurably bitter water: Moses threw wood into it and it became sweet. For you see: water without the preaching of the Cross of the Lord is of no use for future salvation, but, after it has been consecrated by the mystery of the wood of the saving Cross, it is made suitable for the use of the spiritual cleansing and of the cup of salvation. So as Moses (that is, the prophet) threw wood into that fountain, so the priest utters over this font the proclamation of the Lord's cross, and the water is made sweet for the purpose of grace.

You must not trust, then, wholly to your bodily eyes. What is not seen is in reality seen more clearly; for what we see with our eyes is temporal whereas what is eternal (and invisible to the eye) is discerned by the mind and spirit.

There is a final lesson to be learned from the book of the Kings which we have just been reading. Naaman was a Syrian, and suffered from leprosy, and there was no-one who could cleanse him. Then a maiden from among the captives said that there was a prophet in Israel, who could cleanse him from the defilement of the leprosy. And it is said that, having taken silver and gold, Naaman went to the king of Israel. And the king, when he heard why Naaman had come, tore his garments, saying that this was an attempt to put him in the wrong, since healing leprosy was not in the power of kings. Elisha, however, sent word to the king that he should send the Syrian to him, so that he might know there was a God in Israel. And when he had come, he told him to dip himself seven times in the river Jordan.

Naaman doubted until the time when he was cleansed; but you are cleansed by now, and so you should not have doubts.

Responsory

- R.** The Lord led out his own people like sheep. He led them in safety and they were not afraid,* and the sea closed over their enemies.
- V.** They all received baptism into the fellowship of Moses in cloud and sea,* and the sea closed over their enemies.

Let us pray.

God and Father,

to those who go astray
you reveal the light of your truth
and enable them to return to the right path.

Grant that all who have received the grace of baptism
may strive to be worthy of their Christian calling
and reject everything opposed to it.

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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Mass at 4.30pm

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital

Intentions : Esther Hayes

Optional Feast Day of
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest.

*See Deacon Shaun Morrison's
Weekend Bulletin - 11th July 2020*
