



24th Sunday in ordinary Time- Year B (P 720)- 16/9/2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cs Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING 50:5-9 Page 721

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away, I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

✠ The word of the Lord. ✠



Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of St James. 2:14-18 page 722

Faith without good works is dead.

★ Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. With that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty." Without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: If good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

✠ The word of the Lord ✠



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Page 722 8:27-35

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

★ Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples; "Who do people say I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist," they said, "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophet." "But you," he asked "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think it not God's way but man's".

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." ★

◆ The Gospel of the Lord. ◆



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and nor our own desires, may always prevail in us.

◆ Through Christ our Lord. ◆

