

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

I'll turn my steps to the altar of God,
I'll turn my steps to the gladness of my life.

1. Show your justice in * pleading my cause
Let me walk in the * way of your laws.
2. Lead me on with your * power and strength
And my courage will * never be spent.
3. Fills my heart with your * truth and your light
As I enter with * joy in your sight.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25
I it is who must blot out everything.

Thus says the Lord:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.
Jacob, you have not invoked me,
you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf.
Instead you have burdened me with your sins,
troubled me with your iniquities.
I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything
and not remember your sins.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 40:2-5.13-14 R) v. 5

- R. Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.
1. Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.
The Lord will save him in the day of evil,
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land
and will not give him up to the will of his foes. (R.)
 2. The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,
he will bring him back from sickness to health.
As for me, I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me,
heal my soul for I have sinned against you.' (R.)
 3. If you uphold me I shall be unharmed
and set in your presence for evermore.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
from age to age. Amen. Amen. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 1:18-22
Jesus was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes.

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about
what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus
that we proclaimed among you - I mean Silvanus and
Timothy and I - was never Yes and No: with him it was
always Yes, and however many the promises God made,
the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through
him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God.

Remember it is God himself who assures us all, and you,
of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking
us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that
we carry in our hearts.

The word of the Lord.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 2:1-12
The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round
that he was back; and so many people collected that
there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was
preaching the word to them when some people came
bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the
crowds made it impossible to get the man to him, they
stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and
when they had made an opening, they lowered the
stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith,
Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are
forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they
thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that?
He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?'
Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were
thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts
in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the
paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick
up your stretcher and walk?" But to prove to you that the
Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' - he
said to the paralytic - 'I order you: get up, pick up your
stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked
up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of
everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised
God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



