

October 24

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Solemnity

Readings may be taken from the Common of Pastors (Missionaries), or the following:

FIRST READING

*The Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor
and to pour out on them the oil of gladness.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

61: 1-6

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes,
to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
They will be called oaks of justice, planted by the Lord to show his glory.
They shall rebuild the ancient ruins, the former wastes they shall raise up
and restore the ruined cities, desolate now for many generations.
Strangers shall stand ready to pasture your flocks,
foreigners shall be your farmers and vinedressers.
You yourselves shall be named priests of the Lord,
ministers of our God you shall be called.
You shall eat the wealth of the nations and boast of riches from them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6,

V/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

R/. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

V/. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

Besides restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R/. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

V/. He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

V/. You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

V/. Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

I will make you a light to the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

49: 1-6

Hear me, O coast lands, listen, O distant peoples.
The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name.
He made me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.
He made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me.
You are my servant, he said to me, Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,
yet my reward is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God.
For now, the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb,
That Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him;
and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14

V./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

V./ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

V./ One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple.

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

V./ I believe that I shall see
the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Behold, new things have come.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5: 14-17

Brothers and sisters:
The love of Christ impels us,
once we have come to the conviction that one died for all;
therefore, all have died.
He indeed died for all,
so that those who live might no longer live for themselves
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh;
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,
yet now we know him so no longer.

So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

All this has been done by God,
who has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

I mean that God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting men's transgressions against them,
and that he has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

This makes us ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing through us.
We implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God!

Or:

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was taken up.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1: 3-8

Jesus presented himself alive to the Apostles by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them,

"It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own
authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ALLELUIA

Mt 28: 19, 20

Go and teach all people my Gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Or:

Lk 10: 2

The harvest is rich, but the workers are few;
therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.

GOSPEL

Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

16: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink
any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Or:

Your peace will rest on that person.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

10: 1-9

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.
He said to them,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.
Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.
Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;
and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'

If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him;
but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,
for the laborer deserves his payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them,

'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'