

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

### Readings at Mass

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#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 85: 1-3**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

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#### Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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.

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#### First reading

**Isaiah 66:18-21**

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations  
of every language. They shall come to witness my  
glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their  
survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud,  
Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant  
islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory.  
They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an  
offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers,  
on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on  
dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy  
mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites  
bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of  
the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests  
and Levites, says the Lord.

#### The word of the Lord

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#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 116(117)**

*R/ Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good  
News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples!
  2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever.
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#### Second reading

**Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13**

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which  
you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord  
corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get  
discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord  
trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those  
that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of  
your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has  
there ever been any son whose father did not train  
him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at  
the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on  
whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and  
goodness. *So hold up your limp arms and steady your  
trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;*  
then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will  
grow strong again.

#### The word of the Lord

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#### Gospel Acclamation

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

#### Or:

**Jn14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.'  
Alleluia!

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

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**Gospel**

**Luke 13:22-30**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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**Prayer over the Offerings**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by  
adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 103: 13-15**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O  
Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**Or:**

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**Prayer after Communion**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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