

First Reading - Rejoice!

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has cast out your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear evil no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.



Responsorial Psalm

Is 12, 2.3-4;5-6 (R6)

R: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

God indeed is my saviour, I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my
courage is the LORD, and he has been my saviour. With joy you will draw
water at the fountain of salvation.

R: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known
his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known
throughout all the earth. Shout with exaltation, O city of Zion, for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

R: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

Marks of the True Christian

Romans 12:9-16

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



Gospel - The Mission of the Seventy

Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'