

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
ministering to him,

loving the name of the LORD,
and becoming his servants—

all who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,

them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,

for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of the Lord -- *Thanks be to God*

Second Reading from St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,

I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you once disobeyed God

but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

so they have now disobeyed in order that,

by virtue of the mercy shown to you,

they too may not receive mercy.

For God delivered all to disobedience,

that he might have mercy upon all.

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