

August 11, 2019

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

A reading from the Book of Isaiah:

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Please respond to the bidding “Lord, in your mercy” with
“Hear our prayer.”

People: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all
people. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the
earth. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That
our works may find favor in your sight. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. Lord,
in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the past and present chairs of the Friends from St. Francis and all who have served on this committee, by Jorgann and Bill Rogers. Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Let us pray silently for our own needs and those of others.