

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1-7

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house

and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

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increase; * may God, our own
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blessing, * and may all the
ends of the earth stand in
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SECOND READING:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

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what will their acceptance be but
life from the dead! For the gifts
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irrevocable. Just as you were once
disobedient to God but have now
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GOSPEL:

Matthew 15:21-28

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out and started shouting, "Have
mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;
my daughter is tormented by a
demon." But he did not answer
her at all. And his disciples came
and urged him, saying, "Send
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sheep of the house of Israel." But
she came and knelt before him,
saying, "Lord, help me." He
answered, "It is not fair to take
the children's food and throw
it to the dogs." She said, "Yes,
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