

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7

A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah

The LORD said,
“Be honest and fair!

“Soon I will come to save you,
and my saving power will be seen.
Foreigners will follow me.
They will love me and worship in my name.
They will respect the Sabbath and keep our agreement.

“Then I will bring them to my holy mountain
and let them celebrate in my house of worship.
Their sacrifices and offerings will all be welcome on my altar.
And my house will be known as a house of worship for all nations.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67:1-2, 4, 5 & 7

All: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

*Our God, be kind and bless us!
Be pleased and smile.
Then everyone on earth
will learn to follow you,
and all nations will see
your power to save us.*

All: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

*Let the nations celebrate
with joyful songs,
because you judge fairly
and guide all nations.*

All: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

*Make everyone praise you
and shout your praises.
Pray for his blessings to continue
and for everyone on earth
to worship our God.*

All: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

GOSPEL
Matthew 15:21–28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus went to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Suddenly a Canaanite woman from there came out shouting, "Lord and Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is full of demons."

Jesus did not say a word.
But the woman kept following along and shouting,
so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away.

Jesus said, "I was sent only to the people of Israel!
They are like a flock of lost sheep."

The woman came closer.
Then she knelt down and begged,
"Lord, please help me!"

Jesus replied,
"It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

"Lord, that's true!" the woman said,
"but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith,
and you will be given what you want."

At that moment her daughter was healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.