

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is
 not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run
 to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One
 of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have
 mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
 that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
 passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into
 Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the

same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual
 drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that fol-
 lowed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless,
 God was not pleased with most of them, and they
 were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us,
 so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not
 become idolaters as some of them did; as it is writ-
 ten, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and
 they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual
 immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three
 thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ
 to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed
 by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them
 did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These
 things happened to them to serve as an example,
 and they were written down to instruct us, on whom
 the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you
 are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No
 testing has overtaken you that is not common to ev-
 eryone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be
 tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he
 will also provide the way out so that you may be able
 to endure it.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
 him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
 mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them,
 "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered
 in this way they were worse sinners than all other
 Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you
 will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who
 were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—
 do you think that they were worse offenders than all
 the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but un-
 less you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree
 planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for
 fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gar-
 dener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking
 for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut
 it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He re-
 plied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig
 around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next
 year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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