

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
 our apostasies indeed are many,
 and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
 why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
 Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name;
 do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
 Truly they have loved to wander,
 they have not restrained their feet;
 therefore the LORD does not accept them,
 now he will remember their iniquity
 and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
 Does your heart loathe Zion?
 Why have you struck us down
 so that there is no healing for us?
 We look for peace, but find no good;
 for a time of healing, but there is terror
 instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness,
 O LORD,
 the iniquity of our ancestors,
 for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
 do not dishonor your glorious throne;
 remember and do not break your
 covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
 Or can the heavens give showers?
 Is it not you, O LORD our God?
 We set our hope on you,
 for it is you who do all this.

or Sirach 35:12-17 [not printed]

Psalm 84:1-7

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."