

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me,
 and I knew;
 then you showed me their evil deeds.
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
 led to the slaughter.
 And I did not know it was against me
 that they devised schemes, saying,
 “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
 let us cut him off from the land of the
 living,
 so that his name will no longer be
 remembered!”
²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge
 righteously,
 who try the heart and the mind,
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22 [not printed]

Psalm 54

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you?
 Show by your good life that your works are
 done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But
 if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in
 your hearts, do not be boastful and false to
 the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down
 from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition,
 there will also be disorder and wickedness of
 every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is
 first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to
 yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a
 trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest

of righteousness is sown in peace for those
 who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you,
 where do they come from? Do they not come
 from your cravings that are at war within you?
²You want something and do not have it; so you
 commit murder. And you covet something and
 cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and
 conflicts. You do not have, because you do not
 ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you
 ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on
 your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore
 to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from
 you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near
 to you.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed
 through Galilee. He did not want anyone to
 know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples,
 saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be be-
 trayed into human hands, and they will kill
 him, and three days after being killed, he
 will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand
 what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when
 he was in the house he asked them, “What
 were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But
 they were silent, for on the way they had ar-
 gued with one another who was the greatest.
³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to
 them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last
 of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a lit-
 tle child and put it among them; and taking it
 in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever wel-
 comes one such child in my name welcomes
 me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not
 me but the one who sent me.”