

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st. READING (Is 45,1.4-6)

Thus says Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus: "I have taken you by the right hand to subdue nations before you and strip kings of their armour, to open the gateways before you so that they will be closed no more. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen one, I have called you by your name and given you your mission although you do not know me. I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God besides me. I armed you when you did not know me, so that, from the rising to the setting of the sun, all may know that there is no one besides me; I am Yahweh, and there is no other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Recall his glory among the nations,
tell all the peoples his wonderful deeds.

How great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Above all gods he is to be feared.
For all other gods are worthless idols,
but Yahweh is the one who made the heavens.

Give to the Lord, you families of nations,
give to the Lord glory and strength.
Give to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring gifts and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord with holy celebrations;
stand in awe of him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
He will judge the peoples with justice.

2nd. READING (1Thes 1, 1-5)

From Paul, Sylvanus and Timothy to the church of Thessalonica which is in God the Father and in Christ Jesus, the Lord. May the peace and grace of God be with you. We give thanks to God at all times for you and remember you in our prayers. We constantly recall before God our Father the work of your faith, the labours of your love and your endurance in waiting for Christ Jesus our Lord. We remember, brothers and sisters, the circumstances of your being called. The gospel we brought you was such not only in words. Miracles, Holy Spirit and plenty of everything were given to you.

GOSPEL (Mt 22, 15-21)

The Pharisees went out and took counsel on how they could trap Jesus with his own words. They then sent their disciples with the members of Herod's party for this purpose. They said to Jesus, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and truly teach God's way; you are not influenced by others nor are you afraid of anyone. Tell us, then, what you think: is it against the Law to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus understood their evil intent, and said to them, "Hypocrites! Why are you testing me? Show me the coin with which you pay the taxes." They showed him a denarius, and Jesus said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose name?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus replied, "Therefore, return to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."