

10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1ST. READING (Hos 6,3-6)

Let us strive to know Yahweh. His coming is as certain as the dawn; his judgment will burst forth like the light; he will come to us as showers come, like spring rain that waters the earth. O Ephraim, what shall I do with you? O Judah, how shall I deal with you? This love of yours is like morning mist, like morning dew that quickly disappears. This is why I smote you through the prophets, and have slain you by the words of my mouth. For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice; it is knowledge of God, not burnt offerings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 50)

The God of gods, the Lord has spoken,
he summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Not for your sacrifices do I reprove you,
for your burnt offerings are ever before me.

I need not tell you if I were hungry,
for mine is the world and all that it contains.
Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

Yet offer to God a sacrifice of thanks,
and fulfil your vows to the Most High.
Call on me in time of calamity;
I will deliver you, and you will glorify me."

2nd. READING (Rom 4,18-25)

Abraham believed and hoped against all expectation, thus becoming father of many nations, as he had been told: See how many will be your descendants. He did not doubt although his body could no longer give life - he was about a hundred years old - and in spite of his wife Sarah being unable to have children. He did not doubt nor did he distrust the promise of God, and by being strong in faith, he gave glory to God: he was convinced that He who had given the promise had power to fulfil it. This was taken into account for him to attain righteousness. This was taken into account: these words of Scripture are not only for him, but for us, too, because we believe in Him who raised Jesus, our Lord, from among the dead, he who was delivered for our sins and raised to life for us to receive true righteousness.

GOSPEL (Mt 9,9-13)

As Jesus moved on from there, he saw a man named Matthew at his seat in the custom-house, and he said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew got up and followed him. Now it happened, while Jesus was at table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and other sinners joined Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this they said to his disciples, "Why is it that your master eats with those sinners and tax collectors?" When Jesus heard this he said, "Healthy people do not need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and find out what this means: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."