

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1st. READING (Jer 23,1-6)

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" This is the message of Yahweh, God of Israel, to the shepherds in charge of my people, "You have scattered my sheep and driven them away instead of caring for them. Now I will deal with you because of your evil deeds. Will gather the remnant of my sheep from every land to which I have driven them and I will bring them back to the grasslands. They will be fruitful and increase in number. I will appoint shepherds who will take care of them. No longer will they fear or be terrified. No one will be lost." Yahweh further says, "The day is coming when I will raise up a king who is David's righteous successor. He will rule wisely and govern with justice and righteousness. That will be a grandiose era when Judah will enjoy peace and Israel will live in safety. He will be called Yahweh-our-justice!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside the still waters,
he restores my soul.

He guides me through the right paths
for his name's sake.
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for his name's sake.

Although I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil,
for you are beside me:
your rod and your staff comfort me.

Goodness and kindness will follow me
all the days of my life,
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I live.

2nd. READING (Eph 2,13-18)

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier, which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In is own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father

GOSPEL (Mk 6,30-34)

The apostles returned and reported to Jesus all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, "Go off by yourselves to a remote place and have some rest." For there were so many people coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a secluded area by themselves. But people saw them leaving and many could guess where they were going. So, from all the towns they hurried there on foot, arriving ahead of them. As Jesus went ashore he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began a long teaching session with them.