

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**Sunday 24 October 2021**

**Readings at Mass**

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**First reading**

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

**I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble**

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
‘The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!’

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

## Second reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

**'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

## **Or:**

**cf.2Tim1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ abolished death  
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 10:46-52**

### **Go; your faith has saved you**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer after Communion**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.