

PROPERS 11 IN ORDINARY TIME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR B

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the Lord. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell

securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 23 [page 612]

Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Christ is the peace between us.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands – remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation

of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I have called you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made know to you all that the Father has made known to me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ► Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As He went ashore He saw a great throng, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret, and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people

on their pallets to any place where they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

The gospel of the Lord.