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PROPERS 15 [20] IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

My sons who come to me I will lead to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not

profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 67 [page 675]

Romans 11:1-2a,[13-15], 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Brothers and sisters: I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive

mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 15:21-28

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord went about all Galilee,
healing every disease and infirmity among the people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ♣ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Woman, your faith is great.

Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But He did not answer her at all. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.