

GOSPEL

Mt 15, 21-28

Alleluia

See no. 164.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Woman, your faith is great.

Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that locality presented herself, crying out to him, "Lord, Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is terribly troubled by a demon." He gave her no word of response. His disciples came up and began to entreat him, "Get rid of her. She keeps shouting after us." "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," Jesus replied. She came forward then and did him homage with the plea, "Help me, Lord!" But he answered, "It is not right to take the food of sons and daughters and throw it to the dogs." "Please, Lord," she insisted, "even the dogs eat the leavings that fall from their masters' tables." Jesus then said in reply, "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass." That very moment her daughter got better.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR

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READING I

Prv 9, 1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
She has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens; she calls
from the heights out over the city:
"Let whoever is simple turn in here;
to him who lacks understanding, I say,
Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34, 2-3. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15

R/. (9) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the Lord;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

for nought is lacking to those who fear him.

The great grow poor and hungry;

but those who seek the Lord want for no
good thing.

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come, children, hear me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life,

and takes delight in prosperous days?

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from speaking guile;

Turn from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and follow after it.

R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READING II

Eph 5, 15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Ephesians

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Keep careful watch over your conduct. Do not act like fools, but like thoughtful men. Make the most of the present opportunity, for these are evil days. Do not continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of the Lord. Avoid getting drunk on wine that leads to debauchery. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and inspired songs. Sing praise to the Lord with all your hearts. Give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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ITS EDITORS LEFT NO STONE turned in their quest for the best versions of these ancient Catholic hymns, combing through centuries of English translations from the sixteenth century to the present day. In the process, they have revealed much little-known material, and some that is published in a hymnal for the first time. [They] navigate this difficult terrain with assurance; indeed, the editors' explanation of the Urbanite reform and its impact on English translators is a model of clarity, and contains information this reviewer has not encountered elsewhere.