

# Readings: Feria

First Reading: [Hos 14:2-10](#)

Thus says the LORD:

Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God;  
you have collapsed through your guilt.

Take with you words,  
and return to the LORD:  
Say to him, "Forgive all iniquity,  
and receive what is good, that we may render  
as offerings the bullocks from our stalls.

Assyria will not save us,  
nor shall we have horses to mount;  
We shall say no more, "Our god,"  
to the work of our hands;  
for in you the orphan finds compassion."  
I will heal their defection, says the LORD,  
I will love them freely;  
for my wrath is turned away from them.  
I will be like the dew for Israel:  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar,  
and put forth his shoots.  
His splendor shall be like the olive tree  
and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar.  
Again they shall dwell in his shade  
and raise grain;

They shall blossom like the vine,  
and his fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.  
Ephraim! What more has he to do with idols?  
I have humbled him, but I will prosper him.  
"I am like a verdant cypress tree"—  
because of me you bear fruit!  
Let him who is wise understand these things;  
let him who is prudent know them.  
Straight are the paths of the LORD,  
in them the just walk,

but sinners stumble in them.

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Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-13,14 &17](#)

**R/ My mouth will declare your praise.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

**R/ My mouth will declare your praise.**

Behold, you are pleased with sincerity of heart,  
and in my inmost being you teach me wisdom.  
Cleanse me of sin with hyssop, that I may be purified;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**R/ My mouth will declare your praise.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R/ My mouth will declare your praise.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**R/ My mouth will declare your praise.**

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Look, I send you out like sheep among wolves. You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves. Be on your guard with respect to people, for they will hand you over to their courts and they will flog you in their synagogues. You will be brought to trial before rulers and kings because of me, and so you may witness to them and the pagans.

But when you are arrested, do not worry about what you are to say and how you are to say it; when the hour comes, you will be given what you are to say. For it is not you who will speak; but it will be the Spirit of your Father in you.

Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father his child; children will turn against parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but whoever stands firm to the end will be saved.

When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. For sure, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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