

# Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B -

1st Reading: [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

Woe to the shepherds  
who misteal and scatter the flock of my pasture,  
says the LORD.  
Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,  
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:  
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.  
You have not cared for them,  
but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.  
I myself will gather the remnant of my flock  
from all the lands to which I have driven them  
and bring them back to their meadow;  
there they shall increase and multiply.  
I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them  
so that they need no longer fear and tremble;  
and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;  
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,  
he shall do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah shall be saved,  
Israel shall dwell in security.  
This is the name they give him:

"The LORD our justice."

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Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 85:9-10,11-12, 13-14](#)

**R/. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant is your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the Lord - for he proclaims peace.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

**R/. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant is your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R/. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant is your salvation.**

The Lord himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare they way of his steps.

**R/. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant is your salvation.**

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2nd Reading: [Ephesians 2:13-18](#)

Brothers and sisters:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one  
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh,  
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,  
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two,  
thus establishing peace,

and might reconcile both with God,  
in one body, through the cross,  
putting that enmity to death by it.  
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.

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**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles gathered together with Jesus  
and reported all they had done and taught.  
He said to them,  
"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."  
People were coming and going in great numbers,  
and they had no opportunity even to eat.  
So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.  
People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.  
They hastened there on foot from all the towns  
and arrived at the place before them.  
  
When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,  
his heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
  
and he began to teach them many things.

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