

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Mk. 6:30-34, 53-56**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves 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 deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognised them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognised him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

### Sentence

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Mark 6.34

*or*

‘My sheep hear my voice,’ says the Lord. ‘I know them and they follow me; and I give them eternal life.’

John 10.27,28

### Prayer of the Day

**E**ternal God,

author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:

guide us by your word and Spirit

amid all perils and temptations,

that we may not wander from your way,

but may run our course in safety

until we come to our eternal rest in you;

through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**2 Sam. 7:1-14a**

**A reading from the second book of Samuel**

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of

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cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89.21-38 A.P.B.A. Page 316**

- 21 ‘I have found my | servant | David:  
and anointed him | with my | holy | oil.
- 22 ‘My hand | shall up | hold him:  
and my | arm | shall | strengthen him.
- 23 ‘No enemy | shall de | ceive him:  
nor | shall | the wicked | hurt him.
- 24 ‘I will crush his | adversaries . be | fore him:  
and | strike down | those that | hate him.
- 25 ‘My faithfulness and loving-kindness | shall be | with him:  
and through my name his | head . shall be | lifted | high.
- 26 ‘I will set the hand of his dominion  
upon the | Western | Sea:  
and his right hand shall stretch  
to the | streams | of Meso .po | tamia.
- 27 ‘He will call to me | “You . are my | Father:  
my God and the | Rock of | my sal | vation.”
- 28 ‘I will make him my | first-born | son:  
and highest a | mong the | kings . of the | earth.
- 29 ‘I will ever maintain my loving | kindness . to | ward him:  
and my covenant | with him . shall | stand | firm.
- 30 ‘I will establish his | line for | ever:  
and his | throne . like the | days of | heaven.
- 31 ‘If his children for | sake my | law:  
and | will not | walk in . my | judgements;

- 32 ‘If they pro | fane my | statutes:  
and | do not | keep . my com | mandments,
- 33 ‘Then I will punish their re | bellion . with the | rod:  
and | their in | iquity . with | blows.
- 34 ‘But I will not cause my loving- | kindness  
to | cease from him:  
nor will | I be | tray my | faithfulness.
- 35 ‘I will not pro | fane my | covenant:  
or alter | what has | passed from . my | lips.
- 36 ‘Once and for all I have | sworn . by my | holiness:  
I will | not prove | false to | David.
- 37 ‘His posterity shall en | dure for | ever:  
and his throne be | as the | sun be | fore me;
- 38 ‘Like the moon that is es | tablished . for | ever:  
and stands in the | heavens . for | ever | more.’

**Second Reading**

**Eph. 2:11-22**

**A reading from the letter to the Ephesians**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens 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 by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**