

August 14, 2016

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 120

Reading 1 [Jer 38:4-6, 8-10](#)

In those days, the princes said to the king:
“Jeremiah ought to be put to death;
he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left
in this city,
and all the people, by speaking such things
to them;
he is not interested in the welfare of our
people,
but in their ruin.”
King Zedekiah answered: “He is in your
power”;
for the king could do nothing with them.
And so they took Jeremiah
and threw him into the cistern of Prince
Malchiah,
which was in the quarters of the guard,
letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the cistern, only mud,
and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official,
went there from the palace and said to him:
“My lord king,
these men have been at fault
in all they have done to the prophet
Jeremiah,
casting him into the cistern.
He will die of famine on the spot,
for there is no more food in the city.”
Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the
Cushite
to take three men along with him,
and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the
cistern before
he should die.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18](#)

R. (14b) **Lord, come to my aid!**
I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**

Reading 2 [Heb 12:1-4](#)

Brothers and sisters:
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud
of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin
that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies
before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.
For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the
throne of God.
Consider how he endured such opposition
from sinners,
in order that you may not grow weary and
lose heart.
In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of
shedding blood.

Alleluia [Jn 10:27](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [Lk 12:49-53](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be
baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is
accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish
peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be
divided,

three against two and two against three;
a father will be divided against his son
and a son against his father,
a mother against her daughter
and a daughter against her mother,
a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-
law.”