

Sunday 20 August 2028

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading - Jeremiah 23.25-29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

I have heard

the false prophets, who speak
lies and delusions
in my name,
says the Lord.

Like those who went before them,
they make my people
forget my name,
by the lies
that they tell
one another.

Let the prophets who have delusions
tell their delusions -
but let the prophets who have my word
proclaim it with confidence.

They differ

like straw
from grain,
for my word
is like fire,
or like a hammer
that breaks a rock
into pieces,
says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12.1-3

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Inspired by these people of great faith,
from every generation,
let us run with perseverance
the race that is now set before us,
throwing off
every burden
that would hold us back,
and looking to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Confident in the greater joy

that lay beyond,
Jesus endured the cross,
disregarding its shame.

And now he is seated in glory,
at the right hand of God.

May his patient endurance
of such hostility from sinners
be our inspiration,
that we may never
grow weary
or lose heart.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Luke 12.49-56

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

I have come
to bring fire
to the earth,
and how I long
to see it burning.

I have a baptism
to undergo,
and I am distressed
until
it is completed.

You think
that I have come
to bring peace
to the earth.

But I tell you -
not peace
but division.

Even households
will be divided,
three
against two,
and two
against three;
father
against son,
mother
against daughter,
members

of the household
against
each other.

When you see
clouds
in the west,
you know
that
rain
is on its way.

And when you see
wind
from the south,
you know
there
will be
scorching heat.

You know
how to interpret
the appearance
of earth
and sky,
and yet
you do not know
how to interpret
this present time!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.