

MONDAY JULY 27

17th Week in Ordinary Time

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Roman Missal 465; Lectionary 401

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 16) **To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Jeremiah 13.1-11)

Thus said the Lord to me, “Go and buy yourself a linen loincloth, and put it on your loins, but do not dip it in water.” So I bought a loincloth according to

the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.

And the word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, “Take the loincloth that you bought and are wearing, and go now to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.” So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me.

And after many days the Lord said to me, “Go now to the Euphrates, and take from there the loincloth that I commanded you to hide there.” Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and I took the loincloth from the place where I had hidden it. But now the loincloth was ruined; it was good for nothing.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Thus says the Lord: Just so I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people,

who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own will and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing. For as the loincloth clings to one's loins, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the Lord, in order that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory. But they would not listen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Cantic ———
(*Deuteronomy 32*)

R. You have forgotten God, who gave you birth.

The Rock, his work is perfect and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he. Yet you were unmindful of the Rock that bore you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. **R.**

The Lord saw it, and was jealous he spurned his sons and daughters. He said: I will

hide my face from them, I will see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children in whom there is no faithfulness. **R.**

They made me jealous with what is no god, provoked me with their idols. So I will make them jealous with what is no people, provoke them with a foolish nation. Indeed the Lord will vindicate his people, when he sees that their power is gone. **R.**

Acclamation (*James 1*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 13.31-35*) —

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before the people another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs

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and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of

your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 32) **Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

or

(Mk 10) **The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.**

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A tree is known by its fruit, a person by their deeds.

—St. Basil