

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR A)**

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
(45:1.4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of  
the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10. R. v.7)**

**R. Give the Lord glory and power.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the first letter of  
St Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in  
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God  
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank  
God for you all, and constantly remember before  
God our Father how you have shown your faith in  
action, worked for love and persevered through  
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you  
have been chosen, because when we brought the  
Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,  
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter  
conviction.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Jn 17:17)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Or: (Ph 2:15-16)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

You will shine on the world like bright stars  
because you are offering it the word of life.

**R. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew (22:15-21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them  
how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent  
their disciples to him, together with the Herodians,  
to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest  
man and teach the way of God in an honest way,  
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a  
man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your  
opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to  
Caesar or not? But Jesus was aware of their malice  
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this  
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax  
with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said,  
'Whose head is this?' Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they  
replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back  
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what  
belongs to God'

**The Gospel of the Lord**