

Tuesday – Fifth Week of Lent

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the Book of Numbers

In those days: From Mount Hor the Hebrews set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go round the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 (R. 2)

℟. O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come to you.
Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.
Turn your ear toward me;
on the day when I call, speedily answer me. **℟.**

The nations shall fear the name of the Lord,
and all the earth's kings your glory.
When the Lord shall build up Sion,
he will appear in all his glory.
Then he will turn to the prayers of the helpless;
he will not despise their prayers. **℟.**

Let this be written for ages to come,
that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord;
The Lord looked down from his holy place on high,
looked down from heaven to the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
and free those condemned to die. **℟.**

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

℣. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

℟. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

℣. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.

℟. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL

John 8:21-30

✠. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.