

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

FIRST READING

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days a great number who believed turned to the Lord.
The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem,
and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.
When he arrived and saw the grace of God,
he rejoiced and encouraged them all
to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart,
for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.
And a large number of people was added to the Lord.
Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.
For a whole year they met with the Church
and taught a large number of people,
and it was in Antioch that the disciples
were first called Christians.

Now there were in the Church at Antioch prophets and teachers:
Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger,
Lucius of Cyrene,
Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting,
the Holy Spirit said,
"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul
for the work to which I have called them."
Then, completing their fasting and prayer,
they laid hands on them and sent them off.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 (R. see 2b)

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm. **R.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise. **R.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. **R.**

ALLELUIA

Matthew 28:19a, 20b

V. Alleluia. **R.** Alleluia.

V. Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia. **R.** Alleluia.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 10:7-13

✠. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"As you go, make this proclamation:

'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts;

no sack for the journey, or a second tunic,

or sandals, or walking stick.

The labourer deserves his keep.

Whatever town or village you enter,

look for a worthy person in it,

and stay there until you leave.

As you enter a house, wish it peace.

If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it;

if not, let your peace return to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.