

[97] **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** C

FIRST READING

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

66:10-14c

If you love Jerusalem,
 be glad and celebrate.
If you were in sorrow because of the city,
 you can now rejoice.
She will nurse and comfort you, just like your own mother,
 until you are satisfied.
And you will fully enjoy her wonderful glory.

The Lord has promised,
“I will flood Jerusalem with the wealth of nations
 and make the city prosper.
Jerusalem will nurse you at her breast,
 carry you in her arms,
 and hold you in her lap.
I will comfort you there
 like a mother comforting her child.

“When you see this happen,
 you will celebrate.
And your strength will return faster than grass can sprout.
Then everyone will know the Lord is with you.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

66:1-3ab, 6-7a, 16 and 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Tell everyone on this earth
to shout praises to God!
Sing about his glorious name.
Honor him with praises.
Say to God, “Everything you do
is fearsome!”

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

When God made the sea dry up,
our people walked across,
and because of him,
we celebrated there.
His mighty power rules forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

All who worship God,
come here and listen;
I will tell you everything
God has done for me.
Let's praise God!
He listened when I prayed,
and his is always kind.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

ALLELUIA

Colossians 3:15a, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Your peace will rest upon that person.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

10:1-9

The Lord chose seventy-two other followers
and sent them out two by two to every town and village
where he was about to go.

He said to them:
"A large crop is in the fields,

but there are only a few workers.
Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest
to send out workers to bring it in.

Now go,
but remember, I am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves.
Don't take along a moneybag or a traveling bag or sandals.
And don't waste time greeting people on the road.

"As soon as you enter a home, say,
'God bless this home with peace.'
If the people living there are peace-loving,
your prayer for peace will bless them.
But if they are not peace-loving,
your prayer will return to you.

"Stay with the same family,
eating and drinking whatever they give you,
because workers are worth what they earn.
Don't move around from house to house.

"If the people of a town welcome you,
eat whatever they offer you.
Heal their sick and say,
'God's kingdom will soon be here!' "

The gospel of the Lord.



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C**

Prayer:
Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving me and for all of the great gifts you have given me! Please help me to show others how much you love them too!
In your name we pray.
Amen

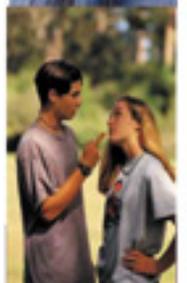
Readings:

Isaiah	66:10-14c
Psalms	66:1-3ab, 6/7a, 16 and 20
Luke	10:1-9

Reflection:
Today's readings and psalm are all about being excited because our God being with us and because our life is so awesome with God! No matter where we live, how much money we have or don't have, or the problems we face, we do have families and friends who love us. We have a Church community to share our good times and our bad times. Most importantly we have a God that loves us no matter what! Our God loves us so much that Jesus was sent to suffer and die for us. That's a lot of love! St. Maria De Mattias grew up in a small town in Italy. She thought a lot about how much God loved her. The more she thought about it, the more excited she became and the more she knew she had to tell everyone about it and she had to try to love other people just as much as God loved her. Her excitement made other women realize how much God loved them and they joined St. Maria and eventually she had a whole group of women helping her to love and to help other people. Even though she has been dead for over 143 years she still excites women from all over the world to join her. Those women are Catholic Sisters belonging to a Community called the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. You can find out more information about St. Maria and the Adorers at www.adorers.org.

Discussion:

1. What are some of the gifts God has given you? (parents, family, school, friends...)
2. How does it make you feel when you think about all of the good things God has given you? (happy, excited, thankful...)
3. How would you tell everyone about how good God is to us?
4. How could you show your thanks to God?



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Activity: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Materials needed: Kids' Musical Instruments (drums, bells, horns, etc) and/or pots, pans, spoons, whatever you can find to make a joyful noise!

Teach the children the refrain to the song *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, a negro-spiritual that dates back to the 1800s. Often it is sung at Christmas time but there is a version that changes the last line from "That Jesus Christ is born!" to "That Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Once they have learned the refrain, let them play their instruments and sing it loudly while parading around the room.

Music to the song can be found on the internet. The lyrics are

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Over the Hills and Everywhere.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

That Jesus Christ Is Lord (or is born)!