

# 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Reading 1

**Citation: Isaiah, Chap. 66, Verses 10-14c**  
**Isaiah 66: 10-14c**

Isaiah is attempting to stir up the people (who are still in exile!). He reminds them that God is still with them despite what it may look like otherwise. He paints a picture of the celebration that awaits Israel when its people return to Jerusalem – which Isaiah is convinced is imminent! Be Isaiah.

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

(very short pause)

Rejoice with Jerusalem  
and be glad because of her,  
all you who love her;

(almost parenthetical)

exult,  
exult with her,  
all you who were mourning over her!

(excited; up-beat this whole sentence)

Oh, that you may suck fully  
of the milk of her comfort,

(be encouraging in your voice)

that you may nurse with delight  
at her abundant breasts!

(more encouraging)

For thus says the LORD:

(very short pause)

Lo,  
I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.

(a tone of promise; assurance)  
(very short pause)

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,  
and fondled in her lap;

as a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you;

(compassionate; kind)

in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

(very short pause)

When you see this,  
your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass;  
the LORD'S power shall be known to his servants.

(an announcement!)  
(very short pause)  
(triumph)

**The word of the Lord.**

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Reading 2

**Citation: Galatians, Chap. 6, Verses 14-18**  
**Galatians 6: 14-18**

Paul is 100% certain that his teaching about the Gentiles as partners in Jesus' "new creation," including the need to include the uncircumcised in the new church, is valid and to be observed by his church communities. He warns any who do not accept this to be careful around him since he "bears the marks of Jesus" on his body (he is correct; others are in error). Be Paul!

## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.

(Paul is being emphatic!)

(short pause)

For neither does circumcision mean anything,  
nor does uncircumcision,  
but only a new creation.

(faster than the preceding phrase)  
(convinced; slower than above)

Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule  
and to the Israel of God.

(almost parenthetical)

From now on,  
let no one make troubles for me;  
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

(cautionary)  
(affirmation)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,  
brothers and sisters.

(short pause)

Amen.

(be convinced!)

**The word of the Lord.**

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GOSPEL  
Longer Form

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 10, Verses 1-12, 17-20  
Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

**Jesus sends out His disciples to experience the life of discipleship. He is very concerned with them yet confident of their success. When they return He celebrates with them, but reminds them that discipleship is much more than defeats of evil spirits. Perseverance doing the Will of the Father is what makes the real difference. Be as convinced of this as Jesus was and reflect it in how you proclaim this passage.**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time  
the Lord appointed seventy-two others  
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs  
to every town and place he intended to visit.

(you're simply a reporter)  
(parenthetical)  
(very short pause)

He said to them,  
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;  
so ask the master of the harvest  
to send out laborers for his harvest.

(prayerfully)  
"  
"

Go on your way;  
behold,  
I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

(be reassuring)  
(switch to cautionary)

Carry no money bag,  
no sack,  
no sandals;  
and greet no one along the way.

(advice-giving)  
"  
"  
"

Into whatever house you enter, first say,  
'Peace to this household.'  
If a peaceful person lives there,  
your peace will rest on him;  
but if not, it will return to you.

(still advising, but now shows how)  
(very short pause)

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,  
for the laborer deserves his payment.  
Do not move about from one house to another.

(parenthetical)

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,  
eat what is set before you,  
cure the sick in it  
and say to them,

(be upbeat)

**Proclaim the Word!**

## Proclamation Format

'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you,  
go out into the streets and say,

'The dust of your town that clings to our feet,  
even that we shake off against you.'

(raise voice volume)

Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.

I tell you,

it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said,

"Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name."

(exulting; very happy)

Jesus said,

"I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.

(He is pleased!)

Behold,

(assuring, yet cautious)

I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions  
and upon the full force of the enemy  
and nothing will harm you.

Nevertheless,

do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,  
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

(cautionary)  
(insistent)

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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GOSPEL  
Shorter Form

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 10, Verses 1-9  
Luke 10: 1-9

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-9

At that time (you're simply a reporter)  
the Lord appointed seventy-two others (parenthetical)  
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs (very short pause)  
to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them,  
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; (prayerfully)  
so ask the master of the harvest "  
to send out laborers for his harvest. "

Go on your way; (be reassuring)  
behold,  
I am sending you like lambs among wolves. (switch to cautionary)

Carry no money bag, (advice-giving)  
no sack, "  
no sandals; "  
and greet no one along the way. "

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Do not move about from one house to another.

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eat what is set before you,  
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## The Gospel of the Lord.