

Daily Reading for Friday, June 11th, 2021

Reading 1, *Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9*

¹ When Israel was a child I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.

³ I myself taught Ephraim to walk, I myself took them by the arm, but they did not know that I was the one caring for them, ⁴ that I was leading them with human ties, with leading-strings of love, that, with them, I was like someone lifting an infant to his cheek, and that I bent down to feed him.

⁸ Ephraim, how could I part with you? Israel, how could I give you up? How could I make you like Admah or treat you like Zeboiim? My heart within me is overwhelmed, fever grips my inmost being. ⁹ I will not give rein to my fierce anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again, for I am God, not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I shall not come to you in anger.

Responsorial Psalm, *Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*

² Look, he is the God of my salvation: I shall have faith and not be afraid, for Yahweh is my strength and my song, he has been my salvation.'

³ Joyfully you will draw water from the springs of salvation

⁴ and, that day, you will say, 'Praise Yahweh, invoke his name. Proclaim his deeds to the people, declare his name sublime.

⁵ Sing of Yahweh, for his works are majestic, make them known throughout the world. ⁶ Cry and shout for joy, you who live in Zion, For the Holy One of Israel is among you in his greatness.'

Reading 2, *Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19*

⁸ I, who am less than the least of all God's holy people, have been entrusted with this special grace, of proclaiming to the gentiles the unfathomable treasure of Christ ⁹ and of throwing light on the inner workings of the mystery kept hidden through all the ages in God, the Creator of everything. ¹⁰ The purpose of this was, that now, through the Church, the principalities and ruling forces should learn how many-sided God's wisdom is, ¹¹ according to the plan which he had formed from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him; ¹⁴ This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. ¹⁶ In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, ¹⁷ so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, ¹⁸ with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; ¹⁹ so that, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God.

Gospel, *John 19:31-37*

³¹ It was the Day of Preparation, and to avoid the bodies' remaining on the cross during the Sabbath -- since that Sabbath was a day of special solemnity -- the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. ³² Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other.

³³ When they came to Jesus, they saw he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs ³⁴ one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. ³⁵ This is the evidence of one who saw it -- true evidence, and he knows that what he says is true -- and he gives it so that you may believe as well. ³⁶ Because all this happened to fulfil the words of scripture: Not one bone of his will be broken; ³⁷ and again, in another place scripture says: They will look to the one whom they have pierced.