**Reading for 29th Sunday of Ordinary time - A**

**Reading 1, *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6***

1 Thus says [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) to his anointed one, to Cyrus whom, he says, I have grasped by his [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) hand, to make the nations bow before him and to disarm kings, to open gateways before him so that their gates be closed no more: 4 It is for the sake of my servant [Jacob](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6233) and of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, have given you a title though you do not know me. 5 I am Yahweh, and there is no other, there is no other [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) except me. Though you do not know me, I have armed you 6 so that it may be known from east to west that there is no one except me. I am Yahweh, and there is no other,

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10***

1 Sing a new song to Yahweh! Sing to Yahweh, all the earth!

3 declare his [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) among the nations, his marvels to every people!

4 Great is Yahweh, worthy of all praise, more awesome than any of the gods. 5 All the gods of the nations are idols! It was [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) who made the heavens;

7 Give to Yahweh, families of nations, give to [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) and power, 8 give to [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) the [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) due to his name! Bring an offering and enter his courts,

9 adore [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) in the splendour of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, 'Yahweh is king.' The world is set firm, it cannot be moved. He [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) judge the nations with justice.

**Reading 2, *First Thessalonians 1:1-5***

1 Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church In [Thessalonica](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11479) which is in [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) the Father and the [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) Christ. [Grace](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5305) to you and peace. 2 We always thank [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) for you all, mentioning you in our [prayers](https://www.catholic.org/prayers) continually. 3 We remember before our [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) and Father how active is the faith, how unsparing the love, how persevering the [hope](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5889) which you have from our [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) Christ. 4 We know, brothers loved by God, that you have been chosen, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in words, but also in power and in the [Holy Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5854) and with great effect. And you observed the sort of [life](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) we lived when we were with you, which was for your sake.

**Gospel, *Matthew 22:15-21***

15 Then the [Pharisees](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9282) went away to work out between them how to trap him in what he said. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, together with some Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) and teach the way of [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) in all honesty, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because human rank means nothing to you. 17 Give us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' 18 But [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why are you putting me to the test? 19 Show me the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, 20 and he said, 'Whose portrait is this? Whose title?' 21 They replied, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Very well, pay Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) what belongs to God.'