

14th Sunday Year C



THE GOSPEL. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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

As a mother will bear
her babe in arms,
so you cradle
us in your

endless
love.

Please, now,
send us
out
with
no sack,
no sandals,
no moneybags,

yet with
wealth beyond
all telling:

your grace and your love
for your poor.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14c

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

Father
in heaven,
was there ever a time
when you held back your love,
the treasure we cannot ask for or imagine?

You sent your only son.
We can see you,
and feel you
within our
hearts.

We thank you.
We
rejoice.

THE SECOND READING Galatians 6:14-18

*For neither does circumcision mean anything,
nor does uncircumcision.*

Holy
Spirit of God,
show us the world
as Christ saw it from the cross.

Be
at our side
as we see, like Paul,
what is needed in our time.
Give us the courage to change
what needs to be
changed.

Hungry children needing
food and creation
needing
care.

Let us hold on to what
is holy and let go
of all that
is not.



Reflection:

We are called and sent to bring the deep peace of the kingdom of God into the world. The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) proclaims a joyful time of peace that flows like a river from the healing, comforting love of God, which is compared to the intimate, tender bond between a mother and a baby. The same spirit of contented happiness is reflected in today's **Psalm** of jubilation, where the whole earth cries out with joy to the Lord.

The members of the Early Church community in Galatia are encouraged to be at peace with one another through Christ, who makes us a new creation in him. Christ is the source of all peace and unity in the world (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus sends seventy-two of his followers ahead of him. He is confident that they will have all they need for their mission through all they have learnt from following his way. He instructs them to bring his peace and healing into the communities that they visit.

In a world that cries out more than ever for the peace of Christ, especially for the people of Ukraine, this is our calling today. Jesus stands among us and sends us before him,
to declare his peace and to heal and encourage people in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is very near. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will joyfully answer this call.

*Father, in the rising of your Son death gives birth to new life.
The sufferings he endured restored hope to a fallen world.
Let sin never ensnare us with empty promises of passing joy.
Make us one with you always, so that our joy may be holy
and our love may give life. (Old Opening Prayer).*

