

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: Rom 3:21-29

Brothers and sisters:

Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,  
though testified to by the law and the prophets,  
the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ  
for all who believe.  
For there is no distinction;  
all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God.  
They are justified freely by his grace  
through the redemption in Christ Jesus,  
whom God set forth as an expiation,  
through faith, by his blood, to prove his righteousness  
because of the forgiveness of sins previously committed,  
through the forbearance of God-  
to prove his righteousness in the present time,  
that he might be righteous

and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

What occasion is there then for boasting? It is ruled out.

On what principle, that of works?

No, rather on the principle of faith.

For we consider that a person is justified by faith  
apart from works of the law.

Does God belong to Jews alone?

Does he not belong to Gentiles, too?

Yes, also to Gentiles, for God is one

and will justify the circumcised on the basis of faith

and the uncircumcised through faith.

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## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

R./ With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.

R./ With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
Lord, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.

R./ With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD:  
my soul trusts in his word.  
My soul waits for the LORD  
more than sentinels wait for the dawn.

R./ With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

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Gospel Reading: Lk 11:47-54

Jesus said to a teacher of the law, "A curse is on you, for you build memorials to the prophets your ancestors killed. So you approve and agree with what your ancestors did. Is it not so? They got rid of the prophets, and now you can build!"

(The Wisdom of God also said,) "I will send prophets and apostles and this people will kill and persecute some of them. But the present generation will have to answer for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was murdered between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, the people of this time will have to answer for them all."

"A curse is on you, teachers of the Law, for you have taken the key of knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you prevented others from entering."

As Jesus left that place, the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees began to harass him, asking him endless questions, setting traps to catch him in something he might say.

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