

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

READING I Is 43, 18-19. 21-22. 24-25

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On account of me your iniquities are blotted out.
Thus says the Lord:
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.
The people whom I formed for myself,
that they might announce my praise.
Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob,
for you grew weary of me, O Israel.
You burdened me with your sins,
and wearied me with your crimes.
It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41, 2-3. 4-5. 13-14

R. (5) Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.
Happy is he who has regard for the lowly and the poor;
in the day of misfortune the Lord will deliver him.
The Lord will keep and preserve him;
he will make him happy on the earth,
and not give him over to the will of his enemies.
R. Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.
The Lord will help him on his sickbed,
he will take away all his ailment when he is ill.
Once I said, "O Lord, have pity on me;

heal me, though I have sinned against you."
R. Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.
But because of my integrity you sustain me
and let me stand before you forever.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from all eternity and forever. Amen. Amen.
R. Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.

READING II 2 Cor 1, 18-22

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Every promise of God finds its affirmative in Jesus.
As God keeps his word, I declare that my word to you is not "yes" one minute and "no" the next. Jesus Christ, whom Silvanus, Timothy, and I preached to you as Son of God, was not alternately "yes" and "no"; he was never anything but "yes." Whatever promises God has made have been fulfilled in him; therefore it is through him that we address our Amen to God when we worship together. God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit in our hearts.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL Mk 2, 1-12
Alleluia

+ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.
After a lapse of several days Jesus came back to Capernaum and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While he was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves: "Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: "Why do you harbor these

thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again'? That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The gospel of the Lord.

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