

## Tuesday – Fourteenth Week in OT<sub>(M)</sub>

### FIRST READING

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13

A reading from the Prophet Hosea

Thus says the Lord: Israel made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction. I have spurned your calf, O Samaria. My anger burns against them. How long will they be incapable of innocence? For it is from Israel; a craftsman made it; it is not God. The calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces. For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing corn has no heads; it shall yield no flour; if it were to yield, strangers would devour it. Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, they have become to him altars for sinning. Were I to write for him my laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing. As for my sacrificial offerings, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but the Lord does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt.

*The word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab and 8, 9-10 (R. 9a)

℟. House of Israel, trust in the Lord.

But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands. ℟

They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see.  
They have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell. ℟

They have hands but they cannot feel;  
they have feet but they cannot walk.  
Their makers will come to be like them,  
as will all who trust in them. **℞**

House of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
House of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield. **℞**

## **ALLELUIA**

John 10:14

**℣.** Alleluia. **℞.** Alleluia.

**℣.** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own and my own know me.

**℞.** Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:32-38

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: A demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marvelled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*