

### **First Reading — Jeremiah 23:1-6**

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declares the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the  
shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.

You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,

but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done,

declares the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>I will gather what is left of my flock

out of all the countries where I have driven them,

and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

<sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them

who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,

nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,

when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

who will reign wisely as king

and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

### **The Second Reading — Ephesians 2:13–22**

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been  
brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He  
made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided  
them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in  
his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in  
this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one  
body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also  
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<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### **Gospel Reading — Mark 6:30–34**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

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