Psalm 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—[b]
2 so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
3 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
5 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
6 The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
7 May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says:

"Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations."
8 The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
"I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered."

New Testament Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15 & 28-32

11 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a
descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God did not reject his people, whom
he foreknew

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in
my ministry **14** in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and
save some of them. **15** For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their
acceptance be but life from the dead?

28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is
concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, **29** for God's gifts and his call are
irrevocable. **30** Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received
mercy as a result of their disobedience, **31** so they too have now become disobedient in
order that they too may now[h] receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. **32** For God
has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite
woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me!
My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her
away, for she keeps crying out after us."

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's
table."

28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her
daughter was healed at that moment.