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First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from the 56th Chapter of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join 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 and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the 11th Chapter of Romans.

[Paul writes:]

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

By no means! I myself am an Israelite,
a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God

but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

so also they have now been disobedient in order that,

by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**