

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:6-11*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ, while we were still helpless,

yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person

one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

how much more, once reconciled,

will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
9:36—10:8*

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved  
with pity for them