

Readings — September 20, 2015

FIRST READING — Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54

¹ Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

² **Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴ **Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵ Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶ **I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷ For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”