

**FIRST READING: Hosea 1:2-10** Hosea's wife and children (*NLT, alt*)

<sup>2</sup>The beginning of the Word of the Lord by Hosea: And the Lord said to Hosea, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods.” <sup>3</sup>So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Name the child Jezreel, for I am about to punish King Jehu’s dynasty to avenge the murders he committed at Jezreel. In fact, I will bring an end to Israel’s independence. <sup>5</sup>I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley.” <sup>6</sup>Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah—‘Not loved’—for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them. <sup>7</sup>But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by My power as the LORD their God.” <sup>8</sup>After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi—‘Not my people’—for Israel is not My people, and I am not their God. <sup>10</sup>“Yet the time will come when Israel’s people will be like the sands of the seashore—too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not My people,’ it will be said, ‘You are children of the living God.’

**PSALM: Psalm 85** (*ESV*)

<sup>1</sup>LORD, You were favourable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger. <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation towards us! <sup>5</sup>Will You be angry with us for ever? Will You prolong your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup>Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? <sup>7</sup>Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. <sup>9</sup>Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. <sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19** Not philosophy or legalism, but Christ (Composite)

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in Him. <sup>7</sup>Keep your roots deep in Him and have your lives built on Him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always be thankful. <sup>8</sup>Make sure that no one leads you astray with an empty and deceitful philosophy that depends on human tradition and worldly principles, and not on Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

<sup>10</sup> And you have been filled by Him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> You were also circumcised in Him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup> He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them in Him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. <sup>19</sup> They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

**GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13** Jesus' teaching on prayer (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught His disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. <sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> "Is there anyone among you, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"