

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. This is the word of the Lord.

**All: thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalms 81**

Response: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

1 Sing merrily to God our strength,  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
10 'I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up from the land of Egypt;  
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'  
11 But my people would not hear my voice  
and Israel would not obey me.  
12 So I sent them away in the  
stubbornness of their hearts,  
and let them walk after their own  
counsels.

Response

13 O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 Then I should soon put down their  
enemies  
and turn my hand against their  
adversaries.

15 Those who hate the Lord would be  
humbled before him,  
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the  
finest wheat  
and with honey from the rock would I  
satisfy them.

Response: O come, let us sing to the  
Lord.

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 13:1-16**

13 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not  
neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by doing that some have entertained  
angels without knowing it. 3 Remember  
those who are in prison, as though you  
were in prison with them; those who are  
being tortured, as though you yourselves  
were being tortured.[a] 4 Let marriage be  
held in honour by all, and let the marriage  
bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge  
fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your  
lives free from the love of money, and be  
content with what you have; for he has  
said, 'I will never leave you or forsake  
you.' 6 So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

7 Remember your leaders, those who  
spoke the word of God to you; consider  
the outcome of their way of life, and  
imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the  
same yesterday and today and for ever. 15  
Through him, then, let us continually  
offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is,  
the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16  
Do not neglect to do good and to share  
what you have, for such sacrifices are  
pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 14:1-14**

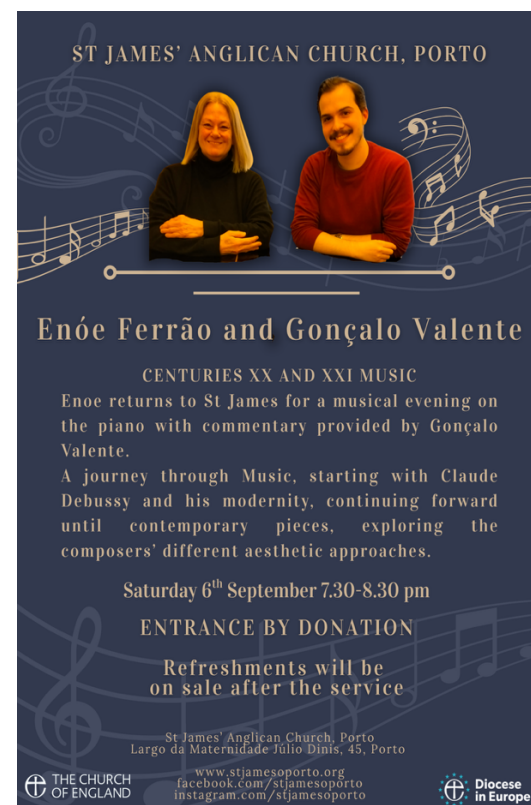
14 On one occasion when Jesus was  
going to the house of a leader of the  
Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath,  
they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose  
the places of honour, he told them a  
parable. 8 'When you are invited by

someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit  
down at the place of honour, in case  
someone more distinguished than you has  
been invited by your host; 9 and the host  
who invited both of you may come and  
say to you, "Give this person your place",  
and then in disgrace you would start to  
take the lowest place. 10 But when you  
are invited, go and sit down at the lowest  
place, so that when your host comes, he  
may say to you, "Friend, move up  
higher"; then you will be honoured in the  
presence of all who sit at the table with  
you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will  
be humbled, and those who humble  
themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited  
him, 'When you give a luncheon or a  
dinner, do not invite your friends or your  
brothers or your relatives or rich  
neighbours, in case they may invite you  
in return, and you would be repaid. 13  
But when you give a banquet, invite the  
poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.  
14 And you will be blessed, because they  
cannot repay you, for you will be repaid  
at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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