

## Scripture Readings August 13/14, 2022

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

### Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**