



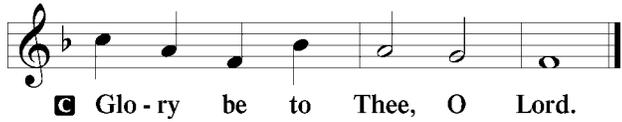




## Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



At that time: Jesus departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “**It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.**” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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