Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Jeremiah 38 4-6, 8-10. *Jeremiah thrown into a muddy pit with life endangered, is rescued by the Ethiopian Ebed-melech.*

Psalm 40. **Lord, come to my aid.**

Hebrews 12:1-4. *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, we set our eyes on Jesus who endured the cross, heedless of its shame. Do not abandon the struggle.*

Luke 12:49-53. *I have come, Jesus declared, to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!*