Good Morning!

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Our readings come from Jeremiah 31:1-7, Jeremiah 31:10-13 and Matthew 15:21-28. There can be happier days ahead. How, you might ask? When we are renewed in the covenant God has made with us over the ages, "You shall be my people, and I will be your God." When we recognize that we have strayed from God and thought we could do all on our own, we may have turned to the Lord and asked for healing and heard nothing. We think we deserve everything and we feel that God needs to answer us and help us. But as Jesus did not say a word to the Canaanite woman who asked, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon," God awaits to answer us. Jesus will heal the woman's daughter but only after he realizes how great her faith is. Why does God wait? Maybe God is waiting to see how great is the faith of his people. Will we rejoice again? Will we be consoled and gladdened after our sorrow? Can and will the Lord deliver us? May we continue to call out to the Lord and seek his mercy and pity on us.

Peace,

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