

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

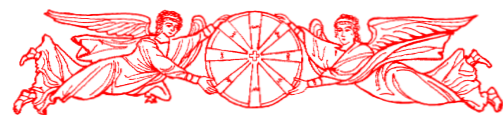
“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.

“They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men.

“But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ.

“He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who

love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates.

To fix one’s thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

63

R. My soul thirsteth for thee,
O Lord my God.

O God, thou art my God;
My soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh also longeth after thee
in a barren and dry land
where no water is. R.

Thus have I seen thee in the sanctuary
that I might behold
thy power and glory.
For thy loving-kindness
is better than the life itself;
my lips shall praise thee. R.

Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.
My soul shall be satisfied,
even as it were with marrow
and fatness;
when my mouth praiseth thee
with joyful lips. R.

I remember thee upon my bed,
and meditate on thee
in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy wings
will I rejoice. R

ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 92:1-2; Matt. 16:18

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season. Alleluia, alleluia! Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?”

And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; every one mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

63

R. My soul is thirsting for thee,
O Lord my God.

O God, thou art my God;
early will I seek thee.
My soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh also longeth after thee;
in a barren and dry land
where no water is. R.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness;
that I might behold
thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better
than the life itself :
my lips shall praise thee. **R.**

As long as I live will I magnify thee
on this manner;
and lift up my hands in thy Name.
My soul shall be satisfied,
even as it were
with marrow and fatness:
when my mouth praiseth thee
with joyful lips. **R.**

Because thou hast been my helper
therefore under the shadow of thy wings
will I rejoice.
My soul hangeth upon thee;
thy right hand hath upholden me. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to
the Romans

I appeal to you , brethren, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and accept-
able to God, which is your spiritual
worship.

Do not be conformed to this world
but be transformed by the renewal of
your mind, that you may prove what is
the will of God, what is good and ac-
ceptable and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21;98:1

The heathen shall fear thy name, O
Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy
majesty. When the Lord shall build up
Sion: and when his glory shall appear.
Alleluia. Alleluia. O sing unto the Lord
a new song: for he hath done marvel-
lous things. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:24-34

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

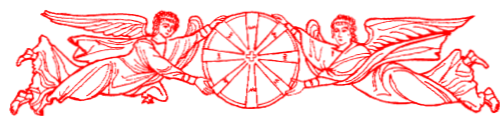
At that time: Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem
and suffer many things from the elders
and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him and began to re-
buke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord!
This shall never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get
behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance
to me; for you are not on the side of
God, but of men."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If
any man would come after me, let him
deny himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For whoever would save
his life will lose it, and whoever loses
his life for my sake will find it. For
what will it profit a man, if he gains
the whole world and forfeits his life?
Or what shall a man give in return for
his life? For the Son of man is to come
with his angels in the glory of his Fa-
ther, and then he will repay every man
for what he has done."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **A**

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the Book of the Proph-
et Ezekiel.

"I am a great King," says the Lord of
hosts, "and my name is feared among
the nations. And now, O priests, this
command is for you. If you will not
listen, if you will not lay it to heart to
give glory to my name," says the Lord
of hosts, "then I will send the curse
upon you. You have turned aside from
the way; you have caused many to
stumble by your instruction; you have
corrupted the covenant of Levi," says
the Lord of hosts, "and so I make you
despised and abased before all the peo-
ple, inasmuch as you have not kept my
ways but have shown partiality in your
instruction."

Have we not all one father? Has not
one God created us? Why then are we
faithless to one another, profaning the
covenant of our fathers?

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

131

R. I will love thee, O Lord my strength.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength;
the Lord is my stony rock, my defence
and my Saviour. **R.**

My God and my might,
in whom I will trust,
my buckler, and my refuge.
I will call upon the Lord,
which is worthy to be praised :
so shall I be safe from mine enemies. **R.**

The Lord liveth,
and blessed be my strong helper;
and praised be the Lord
of my salvation;
Great prosperity
giveth he unto his King
and sheweth loving-kindness
unto his Anointed. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

A reading from the first Letter of St
Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brethren: We were gentle among
you, like a nurse taking care of her
children.

So, being affectionately desirous of
you, we were ready to share with you
not only the Gospel of God but also our
own selves, because you had become
very dear to us.

For you remember our labor and
toil, brethren; we worked night and
day, that we might not burden any of
you, while we preached to you the
Gospel of God.

And we also thank God constantly
for this, that when you received the
word of God which you heard from
us, you accepted it not as the word of
men but as what it really is, the word
of God, which is at work in you be-
lievers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21; 33:6

We have waited for thy loving-kind-
ness in the midst of thy temple: Ac-
cording to thy name O Lord, so is thy
praise unto the world's end. Like as we
have heard, so have we seen in the city
of our God, even upon thy holy hill.
Alleluia. Alleluia. By the word of the
Lord were the heavens made, and all
the hosts of them by the breath of his
mouth. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:1-12

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

I will call upon the Lord,
which is worthy to be praised:
so shall I be safe
from mine enemies. **R.**

The Lord liveth,
and blessed be my strong helper;
and praised be the Lord
of my salvation;
Great prosperity
giveth he unto his King
and sheweth loving-kindness
unto his Anointed. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5b-10

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brethren: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit; so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 27:4, 148:1

One thing have I desired of the Lord,

which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: Praise thy God O Sion. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-40

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together.

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

And he said to him,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

This is the Word of the Lord.



The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time **A**

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord

“You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

95

R. Today if ye will hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving,
and shew ourselves glad in him
with psalms. **R.**

O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

Today if ye will hear his voice,
harden not your hearts,
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation
in the wilderness.
When your fathers tempted me,
proved me, and saw my works. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Brethren: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 33:12,6; 102:2

Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord: and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my cry come unto thee. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

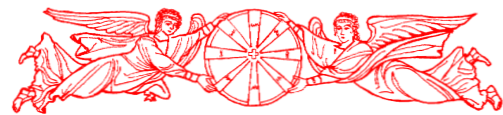
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if he refuses to listen even to the Church, let

him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 27:20-28:7

A reading from the book of Sirach.

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, and the sinful man will possess them. He that takes vengeance will suffer vengeance from the Lord, and he will firmly establish his sins.

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does a man harbour anger against another, and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy toward a man like himself, and yet pray for his own sins?

If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, will he then seek forgiveness from God? Who will make expiation for his sins?

Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity, remember destruc-

tion and death, and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook ignorance.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

103

R. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
long-suffering,
and of great goodness.

Praise the Lord, O my soul
and all that is within me
praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul
and forget not all his benefits; **R.**

Who forgiveth all thy sin
and healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction
and crowneth thee with mercy
and loving-kindness. **R.**

The Lord is full of compassion
and mercy,
long-suffering,
and of great goodness.
He will not always be chiding,
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
nor rewarded us
according to our wickednesses. **R.**

For as the heaven is high
above the earth,
so great is his mercy
toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far hath he set our sins from us. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 28:9,1; 146:1

O Lord, save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thy inheritance. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my strength: think no scorn of me, lest I become like unto them that go down into the pit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-21

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle Jesus in his talk.

And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the money for the tax.”

And they brought him a coin.

And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

They said, “Caesar’s.”

Then he said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 22:21-27

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. If you do afflict them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

“If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbor’s garment in pledge, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down; for that is his only covering, it is his mantle for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

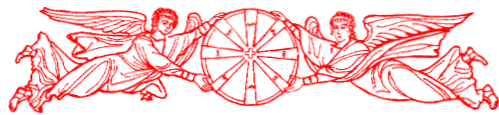
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R. I will love thee, O Lord my strength.
I will love thee, O Lord, my strength;
the Lord is my stony rock, my defence
and my Saviour. **R.**

My God and my might,
in whom I will trust,
my buckler, and my refuge.

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and uncover the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

“For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

“I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I clothe you, though you do not know me, that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

96

R. Let the whole earth stand in awe of the Lord

O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth; Declare his honour unto the nations and his wonders unto all people. **R.**

The Lord is great,
and cannot worthily be praised,
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the heathen,
they are but idols,
but it is the Lord that made the heavens. **R.**

Ascribe unto the Lord,
O ye kindreds of the people :
ascribe unto the Lord
worship and power.
Ascribe unto the Lord
the honour due unto his Name;
bring presents,
and come into his courts. **R.**

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Tell it out among the nations
that the Lord is King;
and how that he shall judge the people
righteously. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians, in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our Gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

This is the Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Brethren: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 122:1,7; Psalm 102:16

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go onto the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces. Alleluia, alleluia! The heathen shall fear thy name, O Lord; and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

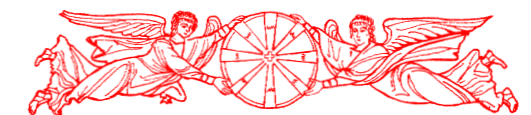
“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So

the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

“But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt.

“So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 6-9

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
145

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness. **R.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. The Lord is loving unto every man and his mercy is over all his works. **R.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brethren: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am

hard pressed between the two.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 145:18,21; Psalm 105:1

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name. Alleluia. Alleluia. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

“And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went.

“Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, ‘Why do you

of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. **R.**

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. **R.**

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell

in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brethren: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 23:4; 114:11

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me O Lord. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Alleluia, alleluia. Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in him: He is their helper and defender. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Again Jesus spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people, in parables, saying,

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come.

Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’

But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the streets, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’

And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’

And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; where

and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country.

“When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

“Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

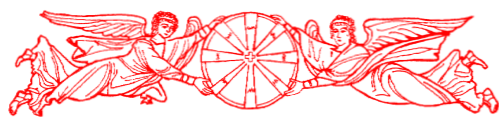
“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time **A**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines- of fat things full of marrow, of choice wines well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

23

R. I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd,
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture
and lead me forth
beside the waters of comfort. **R.**

He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth
in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

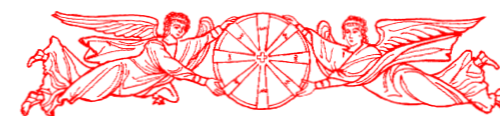
stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

“And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

“And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **A**

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord: “You say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now,

O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die.

“Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

25

R. Remember thy mercies, O Lord.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord,
and teach me thy paths.
Lead me forth in thy truth,
and teach me,
for thou art the God of my salvation. **R.**

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies,
and thy loving-kindnesses,
which have been ever of old.
O remember not
the sins and offences of my youth;
but according to thy mercy
think thou upon me, O Lord,
for thy goodness. **R.**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord:
therefore will he teach sinners
in the way.
All the paths of the Lord
are mercy and truth;
unto such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:1-5

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brethren: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9; Psalm 108:2

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given Him a name which is above every name. Alleluia, alleluia. O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:28-32

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,

“What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two

did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

80

R. The vineyard of the Lord
is the house of Israel.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt;
thou hast cast out the heathen,
and planted it.

She stretched out her branches
unto the sea,
and her boughs unto the river. **R.**

Why hast thou then
broken down her hedge,
that all they that go by
pluck off her grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood
doth root it up
and the wild beasts of the field
devour it. **R.**

Turn thee again, thou God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
behold, and visit this vine,
and the place of the vineyard
that thy right hand hath planted,
and the branch that thou madest
so strong for thyself. **R.**

And so will not we go back from thee:
O let us live,
and we shall call upon thy Name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:
shew the light of thy countenance,
and we shall be whole. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4 : 6 - 9

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brethren: Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 90:1; 114:1

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Alleluia. Alleluia. When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-43

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,
“Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard,