



## The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, almighty: "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

"Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

146

R. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord keepeth his promise for ever,  
who helpeth them to right  
that suffer wrong:  
who feedeth the hungry.  
The Lord looseth men  
out of prison. R.

The Lord giveth sight to the blind  
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:

the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers. R.

He defendeth the fatherless and widow:  
as for the way of the ungodly,  
he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion,  
shall be King for evermore:  
and throughout all generations. R.

### THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

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

O Man of God, aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps. 145:15,16

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due  
season. Thou openest thy hand: and fill-

## The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-21, 23-32

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days:

The Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry which has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

Then Abraham drew near, and said, "Will you indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered, "Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

Again he spoke to him, and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He an-

the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 8:1-2; Psalm 59:1

O Lord, our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world. Thou hast set thy glory : above the heavens. Alleluia. Alleluia. Deliver me from mine enemies, O God : defend me from them that rise up against me. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



swered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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**R.** Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord,  
with my whole heart:  
even before the angels  
will I sing praise unto thee. **R.**

I will worship toward thy holy temple,  
and praise thy Name,  
because of thy loving-kindness  
and truth.

When I called upon thee,  
thou heardest me  
and enduedst my soul  
with much strength. **R.**

For though the Lord be high,  
yet hath he respect unto the lowly;  
as for the proud,  
he beholdeth them afar off.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
yet shalt thou refresh me;  
thy right hand shall save me. **R.**

The Lord shall make good  
his loving-kindness toward me;  
yea, thy mercy, O Lord,  
endureth for ever;  
despise not then  
the works of thine own hands. **R.**

### THE SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

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

Brethren: You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 55:22, 18; 18:1-2

My heart hath trusted in God, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. Unto thee will I cry O Lord: be not silent, O God, nor depart from me. Alleluia, alleluia. Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us

thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.

This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps.145:18,21; 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

Luke 16:1-13

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about

you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

"The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence; for the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

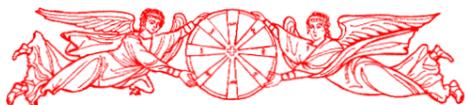
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and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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## The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land

to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great, and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of the wheat?"

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Praise the Name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord,

ye servants of the Lord:

O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

from this time forth for evermore. R.

The Lord's Name is praised

from the rising up of the sun

unto the going down of the same.

Who is like unto the Lord our God,

that hath his dwelling so high

and yet humbleth himself

to behold the things

that are in heaven and earth? R.

He taketh up the simple out of the dust

and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes,

even with the princes

of his people. R.

### THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

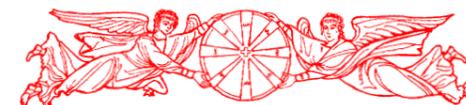
Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and

not into temptation."

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation; even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

90

R. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Thou turnest man back into dust: again thou sayest,

Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night. R.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered. R.

Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last and be gracious unto thy servants. R.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper thou the work of our hands. **R.**

### THE SECOND READING

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

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

Brethren: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old man with its practices and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Psalm 145:15-16, Psalm 88:1**

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: The humble shall hear thereof and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia! O Lord God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before thee. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

**Luke 12:13-21**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: One of the multitude said to Jesus, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

That night was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of

visible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Ps. 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

**Luke 15:1-32**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus.

And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and

seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them.

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father.

But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet;

## The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: The Lord said to Moses, "Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses begged the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?"

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. I will arise and go to my Father.

Have mercy upon me, O God,  
after thy great goodness;  
according to the multitude  
of thy mercies

do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly

from my wickedness

and cleanse me from my sin. R.

Make me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. R.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord;  
and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

The sacrifice of God

is a troubled spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
shalt thou not despise. R.

### THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

Beloved: I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service, though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of ages, immortal, in-

their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.

For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices, and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

33

R. Blessed are the people  
the Lord hath chosen to be his own.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous;  
for it becometh well the just  
to be thankful.

Blessed are the people  
whose God is the Lord;  
and blessed are the people  
that he hath chosen to him,  
to be his inheritance. R.

Behold, the eye of the Lord  
is upon them that fear him,  
and upon them  
that put their trust in his mercy;  
To deliver their soul from death,  
and to feed them  
in the time of famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
for he is our help and our shield.  
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord,  
be upon us,  
like as we do put our trust in thee. R.

### THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 133:2,6; 90:1

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! Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 35-40

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

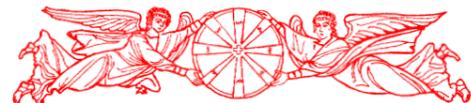
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: "Let your loins be girded and

your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will put on his apron and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants!

“But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have been awake and would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

In those days: The princes said to the king, “Let this Jeremiah be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.”

King Zedekiah said, “Behold, he is in your hands; for the king can do nothing against you.”

So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s

son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mire, and Jeremiah sank in the mire.

Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, “My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern; and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.”

Then the king commanded Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian, “Take three men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

40

R. O Lord, make haste to help me!

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
and he inclined unto me,  
and heard my cry. R.

He brought me also  
out of the horrible pit,  
out of the mire and clay;  
and set my feet upon the rock,  
and ordered my goings. R.

And he hath put a new song  
in my mouth,  
even a thanksgiving unto our God.  
Many shall see it, and fear  
and shall put their trust in the Lord. R.

As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord careth for me.  
Thou art my helper and redeemer. R.

### THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

So teach us to number our days;  
that we may apply our hearts  
unto wisdom.  
Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last,  
and be gracious unto thy servants. R.

O satisfy us with thy mercy,  
and that soon;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad  
all the days of our life.  
And the glorious majesty  
of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper thou  
the work of our hands upon us,  
O prosper thou our handywork. R.

### THE SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Philemon.

Beloved: I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus - I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment.

I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps. 90:1-2; 102:2

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. Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my cry come unto thee. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Great multitudes accompanied Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build, and was not able to finish.’

“Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace.

“So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

One sabbath when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

What man can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind.

We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labor; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you hast given wisdom and sent thy holy Spirit from on high?

And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and men were taught what pleases you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

90

**R.** Lord, thou hast been our refuge  
from one generation to another..

Thou turnest man to destruction;  
again thou sayest,  
come again, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in thy sight  
are but as yesterday;  
seeing that is past  
as a watch in the night. **R.**

As soon as thou scatterest them  
they are even as a sleep;  
and fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green,  
and groweth up;  
but in the evening it is cut down,  
dried up, and withered. **R.**

Brethren: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race which is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:8,9; 95:1

It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put any confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put any confidence in princes. Alleluia, alleluia! O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-53

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!

"Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three

against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the islands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the sons of Israel bring their cereal offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites," says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
117

**R.** Go into all the world  
and proclaim the Gospel.

O praise the Lord, ye heathen :  
praise him, all ye nations. **R.**

For his merciful kindness  
is ever more and more towards us:  
and the truth of the Lord  
endureth for ever.

Praise the Lord. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING**  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: Have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? - "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Psalm 92:1-2; 95:3

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! For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING**  
Luke 13:22-30

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?"

And he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**The 22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time C**

**THE FIRST READING**  
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour with God. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble.

The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in them, though it will not be perceived. The mind of the wise man will ponder the words of the wise, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
68

**R.** In thy goodness, O God,  
thou didst provide for the poor.

Let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy!  
O sing unto God,  
and sing praises unto his Name  
praise him and rejoice before him. **R.**

He is a father of the fatherless,  
and defendeth the cause  
of the widows :  
even God in his holy habitation.  
He is the God that maketh men  
to be of one mind in an house,  
and bringeth the prisoners  
out of captivity. **R.**

Thou, O God, sent a gracious rain

upon thine inheritance:  
and refreshedst it when it was weary.  
Thy congregation shall dwell therein,  
for thou, O God,  
hast of thy goodness  
provided for the poor. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING**  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers entreat that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

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 marvelous things. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING**  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.