

rod of Jesse hath blossomed: the Virgin hath brought forth God and man: God hath restored peace, reconciling in himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?"

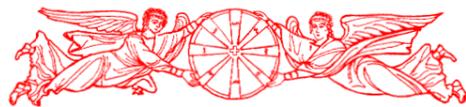
And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with

God nothing will be impossible."

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nativity of St John the Baptist

24th June

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as

est all things living with plenteousness. Alleluia, alleluia! 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.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

"The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.'

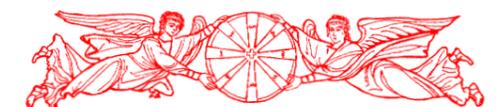
"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I

have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongs and look upon trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end - it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

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

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

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

Beloved: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the Gospel in the power of God.

Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

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

Luke 17:5-10

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

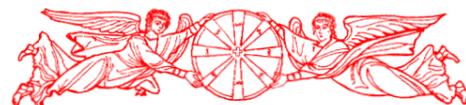
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you, who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and put on your apron and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

40

R. Here am I, Lord;
I come to do thy will

Sacrifice and offering
thou wouldest not:
but mine ears hast thou opened.
Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin,
hast thou not required:
then said I, Lo, I come. **R.**

In the volume of the book
it is written of me,
that I should fulfil thy will, O my God;
I am content to do it;
yea, thy law is within my heart. **R.**

I have declared thy righteousness
in the great congregation:
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord,
and that thou knowest. **R.**

I have not hid thy righteousness
within my heart;
my talk hath been of thy truth
and of thy salvation.
I have not kept back
thy loving mercy and truth
from the great congregation. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:4-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren: It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not de-

sired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book."

When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lent)

Psalm 45:2, 4, 10-17

Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever. Because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee wonderfully. Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear; so shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty. The rich among the people shall make their supplication before thee; kings' daughters are among thine honourable women. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework; the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company. With joy and gladness shall they be brought, and shall enter into the King's palace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Eastertide)

Luke 1:28, 41 and *Virga Jesse floruit* (based on Isaiah:11)

Alleluia, alleluia. Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia. The

Brethren: The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants-- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 21:3,4, 112:1-3

Thou hast prevented him with the blessing of goodness: thou hast set a crown of pure gold upon his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life: yea, even for ever and ever. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generations of the faithful shall be blessed. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Annunciation of the Lord

25th March

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?"

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second Book of Kings.

In those days: Naamaan the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was cleansed from his leprosy.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, "If not, I beg you, let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for henceforth your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

98

R. All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

O sing unto the Lord a new song for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory. R.

The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks. R.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my Gospel, the Gospel for which I am suffering and wearing chains like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation which in Christ Jesus goes with eternal glory.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 133:1-2, 23:4

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head: that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the

hill with the rod of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

121

R. Our help is from the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth. **R.**

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R.**

The Lord himself is thy keeper,
the Lord is thy defence
upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee
by day,
neither the moon by night. **R.**

The Lord shall preserve thee
from all evil;
yea, it is even he
that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out,

hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power."

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

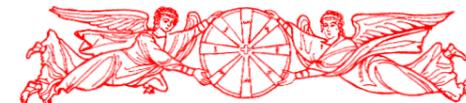
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Candlemass

2nd February

SEE YEAR A



St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

19th March

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

In those days: The word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: When your days are fulfilled and you lie down

with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

89

R. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord
for ever.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord
for ever:

with my mouth will I make known
thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said,

Mercy shall be built up for ever:

thy faithfulness shalt thou establish
in the very heavens. **R.**

"I have made a covenant
with my chosen,

I have sworn unto David my servant,

'I will establish thy descendants

for ever,

and set up thy throne

for all generations.'" **R.**

"He shall cry unto me,

'Thou art my father, my God,

and the rock of my salvation.'

My mercy will I keep for him

for evermore,

and my covenant shall stand fast

with him.'" **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

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

king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
122

R. We will go into the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said unto me:
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up,
even the tribes of the Lord
to testify unto Israel,
to give thanks
unto the Name of the Lord. **R.**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls;
and plenteousness
within thy palaces. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
Colossians 1:12-20

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

Brethren: We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and

on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Psalm 71:8, 11; 148:3

His dominion shall be from the one sea to the other, and from the flood unto the world's end. All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service. Alleluia, alleluia. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away: and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING
Luke 23:35-43

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were

and thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R.**

THE SECOND READING
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

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

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the Sacred Writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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
Luke 18:1-8

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**The 30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time C**

THE FIRST READING
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the fatherless, nor the wid-

ow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds.

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him, and the just judge executes judgment.

And the Lord will not delay, neither will he be patient with them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

34

R. The Lord heareth the cry of the poor.

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. **R.**

The countenance of the Lord

is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry,

and the Lord heareth them.

and delivereth them

out of all their troubles. **R.**

The Lord is nigh unto them

that are of a contrite heart,

and will save such as be

of an humble spirit.

The Lord delivereth the souls

of his servants,

and all they that put their trust in him

shall not be destitute. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

Beloved: I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defense no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 18:9-14

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and

we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat. For we hear that some of you are walking in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work in quietness and to earn their own living.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 44:8,9; 130:1

It is thou, O Lord, that savest us from our enemies: and putteth them to confusion that hate us. We make our boast in God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever. Alleluia. Alleluia. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, Lord hear my voice. Alleluia

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: As some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, “As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

And they asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?”

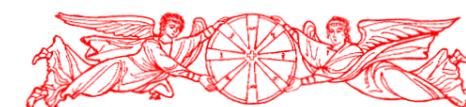
And he said, “Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

Then he said to them, “Nation

will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

“You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Christ the King C

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second Book of Samuel.

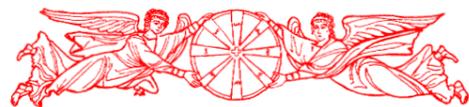
In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you that led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’”

So all the elders of Israel came to

dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the wife and raise up children for his brother.

“Now there were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children; and the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them

neither root nor branch.

But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

98

R. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness.

Praise the Lord upon the harp;
sing to the harp
with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms
O shew yourselves joyful
before the Lord the King. R.

Let the sea make a noise,
and all that therein is;
the round world,
and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
and let the hills be joyful together
before the Lord. R.

For he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness
shall he judge the world:
and the people with equity. R.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

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

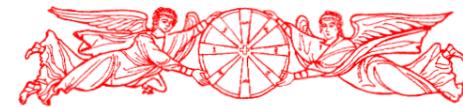
Brethren: You know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, we did not eat any one's bread without paying, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you. It was not because we have not that right, but to give you in our conduct an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you,

prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the Word of the Lord.



The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Lord, the whole world before you is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls upon the ground. But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook men's sins, that they may repent.

For you love all things that exist, and you loathe none of the things which you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it. How would anything have endured if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord who love the living.

For your immortal spirit is in all

things. Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass, and remind and warn them of the things wherein they sin, that they may be freed from wickedness and put their trust in you, O Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

145

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

I will magnify thee, O God, my King:
and I will praise thy Name
for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee:
and praise thy Name
for ever and ever. 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.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord:
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They shew the glory of thy kingdom:
and talk of thy power. R.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways:
and holy in all his works.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall:
and lifteth up
all those that are down. R.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11- 2:2

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

Brethren: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may

be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him, we beg you, brethren, not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited, either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 107:20-21; 33:6

We have waited for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: According 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

Luke 19:1-10

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

THE FIRST READING

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees.

In those days: It happened also that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king, under torture with whips and cords, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. One of them, acting as their spokesman, said, "What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our fathers."

And when [the second] was at his last breath, he said, "You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died

for his laws."

After him, the third was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands, and said nobly, "I got these from Heaven, and because of his laws I disdain them, and from him I hope to get them back again." As a result the king himself and those with him were astonished at the young man's spirit, for he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

When he too had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. And when he was near death, he said, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of men and to cherish the hope that God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no resurrection to life!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

17

R. All flesh shall see
the glory of the Lord.

Hear the right, O Lord,
consider my complaint:
and hearken unto my prayer,
that goeth not out of feigned lips. **R.**

My steps have held fast to thy paths,
my feet have not slipped.
I have called upon thee, O God,
for thou shalt hear me:
incline thine ear to me,
and hearken unto my words. **R.**

Keep me as the apple of thine eye:
hide me under the shadow
of thy wings.
As for me, I will behold thy presence
in righteousness:
and when I awake, I shall be satisfied
with beholding thy glory. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

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

Brethren: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things which we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 141:2; 148:3

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense O Lord. And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Alleluia. Alleluia. He maketh peace in thy borders: And filleth thee with the flour of wheat. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:27-38

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: There came to Jesus some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother