

Week of October 17, 2010

SUNDAY

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

[Ex 17:8-13](#)

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel.

Moses, therefore, said to Joshua,

"Pick out certain men,

and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle.

I will be standing on top of the hill

with the staff of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him:

he engaged Amalek in battle

after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur.

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,

Israel had the better of the fight,

but when he let his hands rest,

Amalek had the better of the fight.

Moses' hands, however, grew tired;

so they put a rock in place for him to sit on.

Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands,

one on one side and one on the other,

so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

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

[Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 2) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;

whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

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

May he not suffer your foot to slip;

may he slumber not who guards you:

indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,

the guardian of Israel.

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

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;

he is beside you at your right hand.

The sun shall not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night.

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

The LORD will guard you from all evil;

he will guard your life.

The LORD will guard your coming and your going,

both now and forever.

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

[2 Tm 3:14-4:2](#)

Reading 2

Beloved:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it,

and that from infancy you have known the sacred

Scriptures,

which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God

and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction,

and for training in righteousness,

so that one who belongs to God may be competent,

equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who will judge the living and the dead,

and by his appearing and his kingly power:

proclaim the word;

be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;

convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and

teaching.

[Lk 18:1-8](#)

Gospel

Jesus told his disciples a parable

about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

He said, "There was a judge in a certain town

who neither feared God nor respected any human being.

And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,

'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually

he thought,

'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any

human being,

because this widow keeps bothering me

I shall deliver a just decision for her

lest she finally come and strike me.'"

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest

judge says.

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones

who call out to him day and night?

Will he be slow to answer them?

I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them

speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on

earth?"

MONDAY

Reading 1

[2 Tm 4:10-17b](#)

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Beloved:

Demas, enamored of the present world,
deserted me and went to Thessalonica,
Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.
Luke is the only one with me.
Get Mark and bring him with you,
for he is helpful to me in the ministry.
I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in
Troas,
the papyrus rolls, and especially the parchments.
Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm;
the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.
You too be on guard against him,
for he has strongly resisted our preaching.
At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,
but everyone deserted me.
May it not be held against them!
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the proclamation might be completed
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

[Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18](#)

Responsorial Psalm

**R. (12) Your friends make known, O Lord, the
glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom
and speak of your might.

**R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious
splendor of your Kingdom.**

Making known to men your might
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious
splendor of your Kingdom.**

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

**R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious
splendor of your Kingdom.**

[Lk 10:1-9](#)

Gospel

The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs
to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them,

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way;

behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;
and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter,
first say, ‘Peace to this household.’

If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him;

but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered
to you,

for the laborer deserves payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,

cure the sick in it and say to them,

‘The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.’”

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 2:12-22](#)

Brothers and sisters:

You were at that time without Christ,
alienated from the community of Israel
and strangers to the covenants of promise,
without hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the Blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he made both one
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his
Flesh,

abolishing the law with its commandments and legal
claims,

that he might create in himself one new person in place
of the two,

thus establishing peace,

and might reconcile both with God,

in one Body, through the cross,

putting that enmity to death by it.

He came and preached peace to you who were far off

and peace to those who were near,

for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the
Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners,

but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones

and members of the household of God,

built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

Through him the whole structure is held together

and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;

in him you also are being built together

into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

[Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

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Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 9) **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,

and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;

our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,

and salvation, along the way of his steps.

R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

[Lk 12:35-38](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from
a wedding,

ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.”

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 3:2-12](#)

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by
revelation,

as I have written briefly earlier.

When you read this

you can understand my insight into the mystery of
Christ,

which was not made known to human beings in other
generations

as it has now been revealed

to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit,

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same Body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the

Gospel.

Of this I became a minister by the gift of God’s grace
that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his
power.

To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was
given,

to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ,
and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the
mystery

hidden from ages past in God who created all things,
so that the manifold wisdom of God

might now be made known through the Church

to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.

This was according to the eternal purpose

that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

in whom we have boldness of speech

and confidence of access through faith in him.

[Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 3) **You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water

at the fountain of salvation.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;

among the nations make known his deeds,

proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

for great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel!

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation.**

[Lk 12:39-48](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,

for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will
come.”

Then Peter said,

“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”

And the Lord replied,

“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward

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whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?
Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds
doing so.

Truly, I say to you, he will put him
in charge of all his property.
But if that servant says to himself,
'My master is delayed in coming,'
and begins to beat the menservants and the
maidservants,
to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant's master will come
on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour
and will punish the servant severely
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
That servant who knew his master's will
but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his
will
shall be beaten severely;
and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating
shall be beaten only lightly.
Much will be required of the person entrusted with
much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted
with more."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 3:14-21](#)

Brothers and sisters:
I kneel before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named,
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his
glory
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the
inner self,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all
we ask or imagine,
by the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

[Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (5b) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

But the plan of the LORD stands forever;
the design of his heart, through all generations.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear
him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

[Lk 12:49-53](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the
earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,
three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 4:1-6](#)

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have
received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit

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through the bond of peace;
one Body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

[Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 6) **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?

He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

[Lk 12:54-59](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to the crowds,
"When you see a cloud rising in the west
you say immediately that it is going to rain—and so it
does;
and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the
south

you say that it is going to be hot—and so it is.

You hypocrites!

You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth
and the sky;

why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

"Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate,
make an effort to settle the matter on the way;
otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge,
and the judge hand you over to the constable,
and the constable throw you into prison.

I say to you, you will not be released
until you have paid the last penny."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 4:7-16](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore, it says:

*He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;
he gave gifts to men.*

What does "he ascended" mean except that he also
descended

into the lower regions of the earth?

The one who descended is also the one who ascended
far above all the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the Body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood
to the extent of the full stature of Christ,

so that we may no longer be infants,
tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of
teaching

arising from human trickery,
from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.

Rather, living the truth in love,
we should grow in every way into him who is the head,
Christ,

from whom the whole Body,
joined and held together by every supporting ligament,
with the proper functioning of each part,
brings about the Body's growth and builds itself up in
love.

[Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me,

"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.

To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

[Lk 13:1-9](#)

Gospel

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans
whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their

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sacrifices.

He said to them in reply,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in
this way

they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,

you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed

when the tower at Siloam fell on them—

do you think they were more guilty

than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,

you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in
his orchard,

and when he came in search of fruit on it but found
none,

he said to the gardener,

‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on

this fig tree

but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He said to him in reply,

‘Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.””
