

Week of October 24, 2010

SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Sir 35:12-14, 16-18](#)

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites.
Though not unduly partial toward the weak,
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.

The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition
reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the
clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it
withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and
affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

[Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be
ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me
and be glad.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy
remembrance of them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the Lord hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

[2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

Reading 2

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation, and the
time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I
have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that
day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for
his appearance. 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.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Lk 18:9-14](#)

Gospel

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were
convinced of their own righteousness and despised
everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area
to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax
collector.

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer
to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest
of humanity --greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even
like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay
tithes on my whole income.'

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would
not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and
prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you,
the latter went home justified, not the former; for
whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one
who humbles himself will be exalted."

MONDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 4:32-5:8](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one
another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in
love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.
Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be
mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones,
no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of
place, but instead, thanksgiving.

Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure or greedy
person, that is, an idolater, has any inheritance in the
Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you
with empty arguments, for because of these things
the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient.
So do not be associated with them. For you were once
darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as
children of light.

[Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6](#)

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Responsorial Psalm

R. (see Eph. 5:1) **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked Nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

[Lk 13:10-17](#)

Gospel

Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect.

When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply,

"There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering?"

This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?"

When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 5:21-33](#) or [Eph 5:2a, 25-32](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the Church, he himself the savior of the Body.

As the Church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his Body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church. In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

or

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

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[Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

[Lk 13:18-21](#)

Gospel

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like?
To what can I compare it?"

It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in
the garden.

When it was fully grown, it became a large bush
and *the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.*"

Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of
God?"

It is like yeast that a woman took
and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour
until the whole batch of dough was leavened."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 6:1-9](#)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Honor your father and mother.

This is the first commandment with a promise,
that it may go well with you
and that you may have a long life on earth.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,
but bring them up with the training and instruction of the
Lord.

Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and
trembling,

in sincerity of heart, as to Christ,
not only when being watched, as currying favor,
but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the
heart,
willingly serving the Lord and not men,

knowing that each will be requited from the Lord
for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.
Masters, act in the same way towards them, and stop
bullying,
knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven
and that with him there is no partiality.

[Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (13c) The Lord is faithful in all his words.

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. The Lord is faithful in all his words.

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. The Lord is faithful in all his words.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. The Lord is faithful in all his words.

[Lk 13:22-30](#)

Gospel

Jesus passed through towns and villages,
teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him,

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them,

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the
door,

then will you stand outside knocking and saying,

'Lord, open the door for us.'

He will say to you in reply,

'I do not know where you are from.'

And you will say,

'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in
our streets.'

Then he will say to you,

'I do not know where you are from.

Depart from me, all you evildoers!'

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth
when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God
and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west
and from the north and the south
and will recline at table in the Kingdom of God.

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For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.”

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Eph 2:19-22](#)

Brothers and sisters:

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 19:2-3, 4-5](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (5a) Their message goes out through all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge.

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

[Lk 6:12-16](#)

Gospel

Jesus went up to the mountain to pray,
and he spent the night in prayer to God.
When day came, he called his disciples to himself,
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named
Apostles:
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon who was called a Zealot,
and Judas the son of James,
and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Phil 1:1-11](#)

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,
to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

with the bishops and deacons:
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,
praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of
you,

because of your partnership for the Gospel
from the first day until now.

I am confident of this,

that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it
until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right that I should think this way about all of you,
because I hold you in my heart,
you who are all partners with me in grace,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel.

For God is my witness,

how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ
Jesus.

And this is my prayer:

that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of
Christ,

filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

[Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2) How great are the works of the Lord!

or:

R. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart
in the company and assembly of the just.
Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.

R. How great are the works of the Lord!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Majesty and glory are his work,
and his justice endures forever.
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;
gracious and merciful is the LORD.

R. How great are the works of the Lord!

or:

R. Alleluia.

He has given food to those who fear him;
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.
He has made known to his people the power of his
works,

giving them the inheritance of the nations.

R. How great are the works of the Lord!

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or:

R. Alleluia.

[Lk 14:1-6](#)

Gospel

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees,
and the people there were observing him carefully.
In front of him there was a man suffering from dropsy.
Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in
reply, asking,
“Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath or not?”
But they kept silent; so he took the man and,
after he had healed him, dismissed him.
Then he said to them
“Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern,
would not immediately pull him out on the sabbath
day?”
But they were unable to answer his question.

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Phil 1:18b-26](#)

Brothers and sisters:

As long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth,
Christ is being proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.
Indeed I shall continue to rejoice,
for I know that this will result in deliverance for me
through your prayers and support from the Spirit of
Jesus Christ.
My eager expectation and hope
is that I shall not be put to shame in any way,
but that with all boldness, now as always,
Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.
If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for
me. And I do not know which I shall choose.
I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.
Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your
benefit. And this I know with confidence,
that I shall remain and continue in the service of all of
you
for your progress and joy in the faith,
so that your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound on
account of me
when I come to you again.

[Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

As thirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

[Lk 14:1, 7-11](#)

Gospel

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees,
and the people there were observing him carefully.
He told a parable to those who had been invited,
noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at
the table.
“When you are invited by someone to a wedding
banquet,
do not recline at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished guest than you may have been
invited by him,
and the host who invited both of you may approach you
and say,
‘Give your place to this man,’
and then you would proceed with embarrassment
to take the lowest place.
Rather, when you are invited,
go and take the lowest place
so that when the host comes to you he may say,
‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’
Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at
the table.
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”