

Sunday 25 October 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:
“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him,
for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You
must not be harsh with the widow, or with the
orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely
cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my
anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword,
your own wives will be widows, your own children
orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any
poor man among you, you must not play the usurer
with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must
give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering
he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else
would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for
I am full of pity.”

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. *R/*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. *R/*

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were
with you, which was for your instruction, and you
were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord;
and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you
took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all
round you. This has made you the great example to
all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was
from you that the word of the Lord started to spread –
and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for
the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.
We do not need to tell other people about it: other
people tell us how we started the work among you,
how you broke with idolatry when you were
converted to God and became servants of the real,
living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus,
his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from
heaven to save us from the retribution which is
coming.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Or:

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Or:

Eph 5: 2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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