

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

### Readings at Mass

#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,  
we dare to call our Father,  
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts  
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,  
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance  
which you have promised.  
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.

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#### First reading

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so  
that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their  
trust in,  
they would joyfully take courage.  
This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their  
enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance  
on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice  
in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and  
dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of  
the fathers.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22**

*R/ Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his  
own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. *R/*
  2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *R/*
  3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *R/*
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#### Second reading

**Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12**

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

Luke 12:35-40

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

### The Gospel of the Lord

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### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your  
Church,  
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered  
and by your power you transform them  
into the mystery of our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## Communion Antiphon

Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**Or:**

Cf. Jn 6: 51

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,  
is my flesh for the life of the world.

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### Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament  
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,  
and confirm us in the light of your truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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