

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Readings at Mass

#### Entrance Antiphon

**Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your  
mercy.

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#### Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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

**Amos 6:1,4-7**

#### A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of  
Samaria,  
those famous men of this first of nations  
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

#### The word of the Lord

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### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 145(146):7-10**

*R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/*
  2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *R/*
  3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *R/*
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#### Second reading

**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be  
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love,  
patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith  
and win for yourself the eternal life to which you  
were called when you made your profession and  
spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.  
Now, before God the source of all life and before  
Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in  
front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing  
all that you have been told, with no faults or failures,  
until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**2Co8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich,  
but he became poor for your sake,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 16:19-31**

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him,

“If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.””

## The Gospel of the Lord

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### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 118: 49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Or:**

**1 Jn 3: 16**

By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

### Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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