

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things 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.

First reading

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain
of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all
things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of
what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have
formed it.
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing
persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?
You spare all things because all things are yours,
Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who
offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have
sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you,
Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

R/ I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. *R/*
 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R/*
 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *R/*
 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. *R/*
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Second reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Lk19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Or:

Jn3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only
Son:
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Or:

Jn 6: 58

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

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