

2 OCTOBER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's liturgy invites us to focus on forgiveness. The gospel passage follows immediately on Jesus' urging his apostles to exercise unlimited forgiveness. He answers their objection by focusing on faith. Real faith will empower them to forgive to this degree.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria – pages 7-13.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

The upright man will live by his faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,

inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2.6-9

R O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:6-8.13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have

been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Or:

1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord remains for ever:

What is this word?

It is the Good News that has been brought to you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If only you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?" Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Profession of Faith – pages 14-15.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Or:

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing – pages 57-59.

9 OCTOBER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every eucharistic celebration begins with the assembled people acknowledging their sins and asking for God's forgiveness. This is followed by a prayer in which the president of the assembly asks the Lord to absolve the sins of all. Having thus been reconciled with God and with one another we can proceed to the table of God's word and then to the table of his body and blood.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria – pages 7-13.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

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

2 K 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4

R The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from

the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Jn 6:63.68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Or:

1 Th 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks,

because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no

one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Profession of Faith – pages 14-15.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Or:

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood
of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – pages 57-59.

Cf. Ps 33:11

1 Jn 3:2

16 OCTOBER

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sundays of the year allow the Christian Church to ponder the mysteries of the Lord. One of these mysteries is the forgiveness of God. Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offences which they have committed against him. At the same time they are reconciled with the Church.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:6.8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria – pages 7-13.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus.

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120

R Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Eph. 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Or:

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is something alive and active;
it can judge secret emotions and thoughts. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Profession of Faith – pages 14-15.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,

who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Or:

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing – pages 57-59.

23 OCTOBER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Mission Sunday)

The community of the Church strongly recommends that the faithful celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once every year. It is called the Sacrament of Reconciliation because it makes present to the recipient the love of God who reconciles. To live by this merciful love is to be prepared to be reconciled with one's sister and brother.

Entrance Antiphon

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

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria – pages 7-13.

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

Eccles (Sir) 35:12-14.16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable,

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:2-3.17-19.23

R This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 4:6-8.16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time
has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the

end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Mt 11:25

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

Or:

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone

who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Profession of Faith – pages 14-15.

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.

Preface I-VIII of Sundays in Ordinary Time – pages 23-26.

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.

Solemn Blessing – pages 57-59.

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the intentions behind the reforms of the liturgy which the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) undertook was to present the mysteries of the Lord Jesus throughout the yearly cycle. Of these the most fundamental is that victory which God the Father gave to Jesus by raising him to a new life and which is variously termed resurrection, exaltation, vindication, glorification, etc. Every Sunday is primarily the day on which this mystery is celebrated.

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!

Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria – pages 7-13.

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

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

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

Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14

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**

SECOND READING

2 Th 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

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

Lk 19:38; 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:

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

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.

Profession of Faith – pages 14-15.

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.

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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.

Solemn Blessing – pages 57-59.