

111 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Genesis 18.20-21, 23-32++

Do not be angry, O Lord, if I speak.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

20 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre
and said,
“How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah
and how very grave their sin!
21 I must go down
and see whether they have done altogether
according to the outcry that has come to me;
and if not, I will know.”
23 Then Abraham came near and said,
“Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city;
will you then sweep away the place
and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?
25 Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to slay the righteous with the wicked,
so that the righteous fare as the wicked!
Far be that from you!
Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”
26 And the Lord said,
“If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city,
I will forgive the whole place for their sake.”
27 Abraham answered,
“Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord,
I who am but dust and ashes.
28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking?
Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?”
And the Lord said,
“I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”
29 Again Abraham spoke to the Lord,
“Suppose forty are found there.”
He answered,
“For the sake of forty I will not do it.”



30 Then Abraham said,
“Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak.
Suppose thirty are found there.”
The Lord answered,
“I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

31 Abraham said,
“Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord.
Suppose twenty are found there.”
The Lord answered,
“For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”

32 Then Abraham said,
“Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more.
Suppose ten are found there.”
The Lord answered,
“For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6-7ab, 7c-8 (R.3)

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1 I give you thanks, O Lord,
with my whole heart,
before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple.
I give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. **R.**

For you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul. **R.**

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 2.6-14++

God made us alive with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters,
6 as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him,
7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have come to fullness in him,
who is the head of every ruler and authority.
11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision,
by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ.
12 When you were buried with Christ in baptism,
you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised Christ from the dead.
13 And when you were dead in trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive together with him,
when he forgave us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Romans 8.15

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

GOSPEL

Luke 11.1-13

Ask, and you will receive.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place,
and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,
“Lord, teach us to pray,
as John taught his disciples.”



2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:
‘Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.’”

5 And Jesus said to the disciples,
“Suppose one of you has a friend,
and you go to him at midnight and say to him,
‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;
6 for a friend of mine has arrived,
and I have nothing to set before him.’
7 And your friend answers from within,
‘Do not bother me;
the door has already been locked,
and my children are with me in bed;
I cannot get up and give you anything.’
8 “I tell you,
even though he will not get up and give him anything
because he is his friend,
at least because of his persistence
he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 “So I say to you:
Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.
10 For everyone who asks receives,
and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Is there anyone among you who,
if your child asks for a fish,
will give a snake instead of a fish?
12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?
13 “If you then, who are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the heavenly Father
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.