

126 TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

Work humbly, and you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.

A reading from the book of Sirach .

- 17 My child, perform your tasks with humility;
then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.
- 18 The greater you are,
the more you must humble yourself;
so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.
- 19 Many are lofty and renowned,
but to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets.
- 20 For great is the might of the Lord;
but by the humble he is glorified.
- 28 When calamity befalls the proud,
there is no healing,
for an evil plant has taken root in them.
- 29 The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs,
and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68.3-4, 5-6a, 9-10 (R.10)

- R.** God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.
- 3 Let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
his name is the Lord,
be exultant before him. **R.**
- 5 Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity. **R.**

9 Rain in abundance, O God,
you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
10 your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you provided for the needy. *R.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

*You have come to Mount Zion,
to the dwelling place of the living God.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

18 You have not come to something that can be touched,
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet,
and a voice whose words made the hearers beg
that not another word be spoken to them.
22 But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11.29

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

*Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.*

*All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

- 1 On one occasion
when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees
to eat a meal on the sabbath,
the lawyers and Pharisees were watching him closely.
- 7 When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour,
he told them a parable.
- 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,
do not sit down at the place of honour,
in case someone more distinguished than you
has been invited by your host;
- 9 and the host who invited both of you
may come and say to you,
‘Give this person your place,’
and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- 10 “But when you are invited,
go and sit down at the lowest place,
so that when your host comes,
he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’;
then you will be honoured
in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
- 12 Jesus said also to the Pharisee who had invited him,
“When you give a luncheon or a dinner,
do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters
or your relatives or rich neighbours,
in case they may invite you in return,
and you would be repaid.
- 13 But when you give a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
- 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.