

129 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wisdom 9.13-18

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- 13 For who can learn the counsel of God?
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?
- 14 For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,
and our designs are likely to fail;
- 15 for a perishable body weighs down the soul,
and this earthly tent burdens the thoughtful mind.
- 16 We can hardly guess at what is on earth,
and what is at hand we find with labour;
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?
- 17 Who has learned your counsel,
unless you have given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
- 18 And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,
and people were taught what pleases you,
and were saved by wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17 (R.1)

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

- 3 You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night. **R.**
- 5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. **R.**
- 12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
- 13 Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants! **R.**

- 14** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

*Take back Onesimus,
no longer as a slave but as a much beloved brother.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

- 9** I, Paul, do this as an old man,
and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment.
12 I am sending him,
that is, my own heart,
back to you.
13 I wanted to keep him with me,
so that he might be of service to me in your place
during my imprisonment for the gospel;
14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent,
in order that your good deed might be voluntary
and not something forced.
15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while,
so that you might have him back forever,
16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave,
a beloved brother—
especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.
17 So if you consider me your partner,
welcome him as you would welcome me.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 119.135

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

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

GOSPEL

Luke 14.25-33

None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

- 25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus;
and he turned and said to them,
- 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother,
spouse and children, brothers and sisters,
yes, and even life itself,
cannot be my disciple.
- 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me
cannot be my disciple.
- 28 “For which of you,
intending to build a tower,
does not first sit down and estimate the cost,
to see whether he has enough to complete it?
- 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish,
all who see it will begin to ridicule him,
30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’
- 31 “Or what king,
going out to wage war against another king,
will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand
to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?
- 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away,
he sends a delegation
and asks for the terms of peace.
- 33 “So therefore, none of you can become my disciple
if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.