

## 127 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you do not speak to warn the wicked,  
I will require their blood at your hand.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me:

7 “So you, O mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel;  
whenever you hear a word from my mouth,  
you shall give them warning from me.

8 “If I say to the wicked,  
‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die,’  
and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways,  
the wicked shall die in their iniquity,  
but their blood I will require at your hand.

9 “But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways,  
and they do not turn from their ways,  
the wicked shall die in their iniquity,  
but you will have saved your life.”

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

**R.** If today you hear God’s voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **R.**  
6 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**  
8 O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
9 when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my work. **R.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 13.8-10**

*Love is the fulfilling of the law.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
- 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery;  
You shall not murder;  
You shall not steal;  
You shall not covet”;  
and any other commandment,  
are summed up in this word,  
“Love your neighbour as yourself.”
- 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour;  
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**See 2 Corinthians 5.19**

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

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 18.15-20**

*If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

- 15 “If your brother or sister sins against you,  
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.  
If the brother or sister listens to you,  
you have regained that one.
- 16 But if you are not listened to,  
take one or two others along with you,  
so that every word may be confirmed  
by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- 17 If the brother or sister refuses to listen to them,  
tell it to the church;  
and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,  
let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



18 “Truly I tell you,  
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.  
19 Again, truly I tell you,  
if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,  
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.  
20 For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.