

132 TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14

*The Lord changed his mind about the disaster
he has planned to bring upon the people.*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 7 At the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord said to Moses,
“Go down at once!
Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt,
have acted perversely;
8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them;
they have cast for themselves an image of a calf,
and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it,
and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”
- 9 The Lord said to Moses,
“I have seen this people,
how stiff-necked they are.
10 Now let me alone,
so that my wrath may burn hot against them
and I may consume them;
and of you I will make a great nation.”
- 11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said,
“O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt
with great power and with a mighty hand?
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them,
‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,
and all this land that I have promised
I will give to your descendants,
and they shall inherit it forever.’”
- 14 And the Lord changed his mind
about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51.1-2, 10-11, 15+17, (R. Lk 15.18)

R. I will rise and go to my father.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me. **R.**
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God
is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

- 12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord,
who has strengthened me,
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer,
a persecutor, and a man of violence.
- But I received mercy
because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
- 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—
of whom I am the foremost.
- 16 But for that very reason I received mercy,
so that in me, as the foremost,
Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience,
making me an example
to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ➤

17 To the King of the ages,
immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Luke 15.1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

The shorter version (1-10) ends at the asterisk.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,
“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 So Jesus told them a parable:
4 “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness
and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

5 When he has found it,
he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

6 And when he comes home,
he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them,
‘Rejoice with me,
for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

7 Just so, I tell you,
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman having ten silver coins,
if she loses one of them,
does not light a lamp, sweep the house,
and search carefully until she finds it?

9 When she has found it,
she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying,
‘Rejoice with me,
for I have found the coin that I had lost.’

10 Just so, I tell you,
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.” *

11 Then Jesus said,
“There was a man who had two sons.
12 The younger of them said to his father,
‘Father, give me the share of the property
that will belong to me.’
So the father divided his property between them.

13 “A few days later the younger son gathered all he had
and travelled to a distant country,
and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.
14 When he had spent everything,
a severe famine took place throughout that country,
and he began to be in need.
15 So he went and hired himself out
to one of the citizens of that country,
who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.
16 The young man would gladly have filled himself
with the pods that the pigs were eating;
and no one gave him anything.

17 “But when he came to himself he said,
‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare,
but here I am dying of hunger!
18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son;
treat me like one of your hired hands.”’

20 “So he set off and went to his father.
But while he was still far off,
his father saw him and was filled with compassion;
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
21 Then the son said to him,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “But the father said to his slaves,
‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
23 And get the fatted calf and kill it,
and let us eat and celebrate;



24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!
And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field;
and when he came and approached the house,
he heard music and dancing.

26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.
27 The slave replied, ‘Your brother has come,
and your father has killed the fatted calf,
because he has got him back safe and sound.’

28 Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in.
His father came out and began to plead with him.

29 But he answered his father,
‘Listen! For all these years
I have been working like a slave for you,
and I have never disobeyed your command;
yet you have never given me even a young goat
so that I might celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours came back,
who has devoured your property with prostitutes,
you killed the fatted calf for him!’

31 “Then the father said to him,
‘Son, you are always with me,
and all that is mine is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice,
because this brother of yours was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost and has been found.’”

The gospel of the Lord.