

# 136 TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.25-28

*When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed, they shall save their life.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this:

25 “You object, O House of Israel!  
You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’

Hear now, O house of Israel:  
Is my way unfair?

26 “When the righteous turn away from their righteousness  
and commit iniquity,  
they shall die for it;  
for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

27 “Again, when the wicked turn away  
from the wickedness they have committed  
and do what is lawful and right,  
they shall save their life.

28 Because they considered and turned away  
from all the transgressions that they had committed,  
they shall surely live;  
they shall not die.”

The word of the Lord.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)

**R.** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

7 According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

## SECOND READING

### Philippians 2.1-11

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.*

The shorter version (1-5) ends at the asterisk.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

1 If there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any consolation from love,  
any sharing in the Spirit,  
any compassion and sympathy,  
2 then make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.  
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.  
4 Let each of you look not to your own interests,  
but to the interests of others.  
5 Let the same mind be in you  
that was in Christ Jesus,\*  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 10.27

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

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.*

### GOSPEL

Matthew 21.28-32

*The son changed his mind and went.  
The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going  
into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus entered the temple,  
the chief priests and elders of the people came to him  
as he was teaching, and challenged his authority.  
So Jesus asked them this question.

28 “What do you think?

A man had two sons;  
he went to the first and said,  
‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

29 He answered, ‘I will not’;  
but later he changed his mind and went.

30 The father went to the second and said the same;  
and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’;  
but he did not go.

31 “Which of the two did the will of his father?”  
They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them,  
“Truly I tell you,  
the tax collectors and the prostitutes  
are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness  
and you did not believe him,  
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him;  
and even after you saw it,  
you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.