

## 84 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Sirach 27.4-7

*Do not praise people before they speak.*

A reading from the book of Sirach .

- 4 When a sieve is shaken , the refuse appears;  
so do a person's faults when one speaks.
- 5 The kiln tests the potter's vessels;  
so the test of a person is in conversation .
- 6 Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree;  
so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of the mind .
- 7 Do not praise people before they speak,  
for this is the way people are tested .

The word of the Lord .

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15 (R.1)

**R.** Lord , it is good to give thanks to you .

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord ,  
to sing praises to your name , O Most High ;
- 2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning ,  
and your faithfulness by night . **R.**
- 12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree ,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon .
- 13 They are planted in the house of the Lord ;  
they flourish in the courts of our God . **R.**
- 14 In old age they still produce fruit ;  
they are always green and full of sap ,
- 15 showing that the Lord is upright ;  
he is my rock , and there is no unrighteousness in him . **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.54-58

*God has given us the victory through Jesus Christ.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability,  
and this mortal body puts on immortality,  
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:  
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
- 55 “Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”
- 56 The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.
- 57 But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved,  
be steadfast, immovable,  
always excelling in the work of the Lord,  
because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2.15-16

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

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 6.39-45

*From what is in the heart, the mouth speaks.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

- 39 Jesus told his disciples a parable:  
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?”
- 40 A disciple is not above the teacher,  
but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.
- 41 “Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye,  
but do not notice the log in your own eye?”
- 42 Or how can you say to your neighbour,  
‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’  
when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,  
and then you will see clearly  
to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

43 “No good tree bears bad fruit,  
nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit;  
44 for each tree is known by its own fruit.  
Figs are not gathered from thorns,  
nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

45 “Out of the good treasure of the heart,  
the good person produces good,  
and out of evil treasure,  
the evil person produces evil;  
for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

The gospel of the Lord.