

# Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

## **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

## **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come,  
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:  
never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen



## **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14**  
2nd Reading: **2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5**  
Gospel: **Luke 20:27-38**