

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

## 25 October 2020

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses:

"Thus shall you say to the Israelites,  
these are the ordinances that you shall set before them.

"You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien,  
for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

You shall not abuse any widow or orphan.

If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me,

I will surely heed their cry;

my wrath will burn,

and I will kill you with the sword,

and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you,

you shall not deal with them as a creditor;

you shall not exact interest from them.

If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn,

you shall restore it before the sun goes down;

for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover;

in what else shall that person sleep?

And if your neighbour cries out to me,

I will listen, for I am compassionate."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

***R. I love you, Lord, my strength.***

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold. ***R.***

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears. **R.**

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation.  
Great triumphs he gives to his king  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed. **R.**

### **Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You know what kind of persons we proved to be  
among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,  
for in spite of persecution  
you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
so that you became an example  
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you  
not only in Macedonia and Achaia,  
but in every place your faith in God has become known,  
so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us  
what kind of welcome we had among you,  
and how you turned to God from idols,  
to serve a living and true God,  
and to wait for his Son from heaven,  
whom he raised from the dead-  
Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,

and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first commandment.

"And a second is like it:

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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