

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

13 September 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Sirach

Anger and wrath, these are abominations,
yet a sinner holds on to them.

The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance,
for he keeps a strict account of their sins.

Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does anyone harbour anger against an other,
and expect healing from the Lord?

If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself,
can one then seek pardon for one's own sins?

If a mere mortal harbours wrath,
who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins?

Remember the end of your life,
and set enmity aside
remember corruption and death,
and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments,
and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquities,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far he removes our transgressions from us. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

My brothers and sisters,
we do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.
For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Peter came and said to Jesus,
"Lord, a brother or sister sins against me,
how often should I forgive?
As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him,
"Not seven times,
but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.
When he began the reckoning,
one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
and, as he could not pay,
his lord ordered him to be sold,
together with his wife and children and all his possessions,
and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,
'Have patience with me,
and I will pay you everything.'

The lord of that slave released him
and forgave him the debt.

"But that same slave, as he went out,
called upon one of his fellow slaves
who owed him a hundred denarii;
and seizing him by the throat, he said,
'Pay what you owe.'

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him,
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

But he refused;

then he went and threw him into prison
until he would pay the debt.

"When his fellow slaves saw what had happened,
they were greatly distressed,
and they went and reported to their lord
all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him,

'You wicked slave!

I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave,
as I had mercy on you?'

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured
until he would pay his entire debt.

"So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you,
if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.