

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A

15 November 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A capable wife, who can find her?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Happy is the one who fears the Lord
who walk in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy and it will go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness
for that day to surprise you like a thief.

You are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples,

"About the day and hour of the coming of the Son of Man,
no one knows,
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
to one he gave five talents,
to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability.
Then he went away.

'The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them,
and made five more talents.

In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying,

'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.'

His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;

enter into the joy of your master.'

"And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.'

His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.'

"Then the one who had received the one talent
also came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.'

"But his master replied,
'You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow,
and gather where I did not scatter?
Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return
I would have received what was my own with interest.
So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents.
For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away.
As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.