

Sunday 22 Sep 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their
Lord for ever.

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous
man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law
and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with
torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of
his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful
death
since he will be looked after – we
have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth.
(R.)
2. For proud men have risen against
me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing
heart
and praise your name for it is good.
(R.)

Second Reading

James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of
peacemakers from seeds sown in
a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and
ambition, you find disharmony, and
wicked things of every kind being
done; whereas the wisdom that comes
down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for
peace, and is kindly and considerate; it
is full of compassion and shows itself
by doing good; nor is there any trace of
partiality or hypocrisy in it.
Peacemakers, when they work for
peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles
between yourselves first start? Isn't it
precisely in the desires fighting inside

your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered
into the hands of humanity ... All
who wish to be first must make
themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?'

They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

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