

31th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

1st. READING (Wis 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 almighty, you are merciful to all; you overlook sins and give your children time to repent. You love everything that exists and hate nothing that you have made; had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. How could anything endure if you did not will it? And how could anything last that you had not willed? You have compassion on all because all is yours, O Lord, lover of life. In fact your immortal spirit is in all. And so by degrees you correct those who sin, you admonish them, reminding them how they have strayed so that turning away from evil they may trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, my soul!/I will sing to the Lord all my life;/I will sing praise to God while I live./Compassionate and gracious is the Lord,/slow to anger and abounding in love./The Lord is good to everyone;/his mercy embraces all his creation./All your works will give you thanks;/all your saints, O Lord, will praise you./They will tell of the glory of your kingdom/and speak of your power./Your reign is from age to age; your dominion endures from generation to generation./The Lord is true to his promises/and lets his mercy show in all he does./The Lord

lifts up those who are falling and raises/those who are beaten down.

2nd. READING (2Thes 1,11-2,2)

We constantly pray for you; may our God make you worthy of his calling. May he, by his power, fulfil your good purposes and your work prompted by faith. In that way, the name of Jesus our Lord will be glorified through you, and you through him, according to the loving plan of God and of Christ Jesus the Lord. Brothers and sisters, let us speak about the coming of Christ Jesus, our Lord, and our gathering to meet him. Do not be easily unsettled. Do not be alarmed by what a prophet says or by any report, or by some letter said to be ours, saying the day of the Lord is at hand.

GOSPEL (Lk 19,1-10)

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the city, a man named Zaccheus was there. He was a tax collector and a wealthy man. He wanted to see what Jesus was like, but he was a short man and could not see because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree. From there he would be able to see Jesus who had to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, come down quickly for I must stay at your house today." So Zaccheus hurried down and received him joyfully. All the people who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to the house of a sinner as a guest." But Zaccheus spoke to Jesus, "The half of my goods, Lord, I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much." Looking at him Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house today, for he is also a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy



outpouring of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.