

October 11th



# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. Grant this...

## FIRST READING

(The author of the Book of Wisdom says that he received the gift of wisdom from God, a gift which he esteems as of greater value than all the riches this earth holds.)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (7:7-11)

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (89)

Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R./

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. R./

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R./

## SECOND READING

(The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews urges the Jewish converts not to make the same mistake as did their ancestors in the desert. He warns all believers that nothing they do can be hidden from God, for their innermost thoughts and intentions are known to Him.)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13)

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

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### **ACCLAMATION (Jn 8:12)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

(Christ tells his disciples that one of the greatest barriers preventing us from entering into heaven is earthly riches. Wealth in itself is not an evil but when it becomes “god” we keep ourselves away from the kingdom of God.)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (10:17-30)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and mother’.” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.” And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.” This is the Gospel of the Lord