

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

First Reading # Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book.

‘Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 15:5.8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading # Hebrews 10:11-14.18

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him.

By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘In those days, after the time of distress,
the sun will be darkened,
the moon will lose its brightness,
the stars will come falling from heaven
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in the clouds with great power and glory;
then too he will send the angels
to gather his chosen from the four winds,
from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable:
as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out,
you know that summer is near.
So with you, when you see these things happening:
know that he is near, at the very gates.

‘I tell you solemnly,
before this generation has passed away
all these things will have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it,
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son;
no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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