

ELEVENTH SUNDAY



A reading from the second book of Samuel

The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die.

Nathan said to David,

‘The Lord the God of Israel says this,

‘I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your masters house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you.

‘Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

‘So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’”

David said to Nathan,

‘I have sinned against the Lord.’

Then Nathan said to David,

‘The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 31:1-2.5.7.11

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

But now I have acknowledged my sins:
my guilt I did not hide.

I said ‘I will confess my offence to the Lord.’

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

You are my hiding place, O Lord;
you save me from distress.

You surround me with cries of deliverance.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring our your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Second Reading † Galatians 2:16.19-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God.

I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift; if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † 1 John 4:10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins.
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Gospel [longer form] † Luke 7:36-8:3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had bought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself,

'If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.'

Then Jesus took him up and said,

'Simon, I have something to say to you.'

'Speak, Master' was the reply.

'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?'

'The one who was pardoned more,
I suppose' answered Simon.

Jesus said,

‘You are right.’

Then he turned to the women.

‘Simon,’ he said ‘you see this women?
I came into your house,
and you poured no water over my feet,
but she has poured out her tears over my feet
and wiped them away with her hair.

‘You gave me no kisses,
but she has been covering my feet with kisses
ever since I came in.
You did not anoint my head with oil,
but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

‘For this reason I tell you that her sins,
her many sins, must have been forgiven her,
or she would not have shown such great love.

‘It is the man that is forgiven little who shows little love.’

Then he said to her,

‘Your sins are forgiven.’

Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves,

‘Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?’

But he said to the women,

‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

Now after this he made his way through towns and villages, preaching, and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God. With him went the Twelve, as well as certain women who had been cured of evil spirits and ailments:

Mary surnamed the Magdalene,
from whom seven demons had gone out,
Joanna the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, Susanna,
and several others who provided for them out of their own resources.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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