

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

# ORDINARY Season of the Year A

*First Reading † Ezekiel 33:7-9*

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

### **A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,

‘Son of man I have appointed you as watchman for the House of Israel.  
When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them from me.

‘If I say to someone wicked, “Evildoer, you are to die,”  
and you do not speak to warn the wicked person to renounce such ways,  
the wicked person will die for this guilt, but I shall hold you responsible for the death.

‘If however, you do warn someone wicked to renounce such ways and repent  
and that person does not repent,  
then the culprit will die for this guilt  
but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial † Psalm 94:1-2.6-9*

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the God who made us,  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your ancestors put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

**Second Reading † Romans 13:8-10**

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Owe nothing to anyone, except love of one another, for one who loves the other has fulfilled the law.

For: *You shall not commit adultery,  
You shall not murder, You shall not steal,  
You shall not covet,*

and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying:  
*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

Love does no harm to your neighbour, and so love is the fulfilment of the Law.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation † 2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel † Matthew 18:15-20**

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If your brother does something wrong,  
go and point out the fault between the two of you alone.  
If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

‘If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you,  
so that *the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain the charge.*

‘But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community;  
and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a gentile or a tax collector.

‘Amen I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven;  
whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Amen I say to you again, if two of you on earth agree on any matter,  
whatever you ask, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

‘For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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