

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year A

First Reading † Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A reading from the book of Proverbs

The truly capable woman – who can find her?
She is far more precious than pearls.

Her husband's heart trusts in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

She does him good, never harm
all the days of her life.

She selects wool and flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hands to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

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Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

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Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

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Second Reading # 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

About times and seasons, brothers and sisters, there is no need to write to you for you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. When people are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction falls on them, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman, and there is no escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, that the Day should surprise you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so let us not fall asleep, as everyone else does, but stay awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # John 15:4.5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

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Gospel [longer form] # Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

'It is like a man about to go abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one, each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out on his journey.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time afterwards, the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more and saying,

"Sir, you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him,

"Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in small things; I will put you in charge of many; come and join in your master's joy."

Next the man with the two talents came forward, saying,

"Sir, you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

His master said to him,

"Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in small things; I will put you in charge of many; come and join in your master's joy."

Last came forward the man who had the single talent, saying,

"Sir, I knew you were a hard man, reaping where you had not sown and gathering where you had not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here, take what is yours."

But his master answered him,

“You wicked and lazy servant!
You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered?
You should have deposited my money with the bankers,
and on my return I would have got my money back with interest.

“So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the ten talents.
For to everyone who has, more will be given, and there will be more than enough;
but anyone who has not will be deprived even of what he has.

“As for this useless servant, throw him into the darkness outside,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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