

TENTH SUNDAY

Season of the Year B

First Reading † Genesis 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree.

‘Where are you?’ he asked.

He replied,

‘I heard the sound of you in the garden.
I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.’

He said,

‘Who told you that you were naked?
Have you been eating from the tree from which I forbade you to eat?’

The man replied,

‘The woman you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’

Then the Lord God said to the woman,

‘What is this that you have done?’

The woman replied,

‘The snake tempted me and I ate.’

Then the Lord God said to the snake, ‘Because you have done this,

‘Cursed are you
of all cattle and wild animals!
On your belly you shall go
and on dust you shall feed,
all the days of your life.

I shall put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will bruise your head
and you will strike his heel.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our faults,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.
I hope in his word.
My soul is intent on the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the Lord there is merciful love,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading # 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Having the same Spirit of faith according to what is written, *believed and therefore spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into his presence with you. Everything is for your sake, so that grace, spreading through more and more people, may increase to overflowing thanksgiving for the glory of God.

That is why we do not waver; indeed, though this outer human nature of ours may be falling into decay, our inner self is being renewed day by day. Our temporary, light burden of hardship is earning us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, while our eyes are fixed not on what can be seen but on what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is transitory while what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that, if our earthly home of a tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, an eternal house in the heavens not made with hands.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # John 12:31.32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel # Mark 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went home, and again such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relations heard of this, they set out to take charge of him; for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'He has Beelzebul,' and, 'It is through the prince of demons that he drives demons out.'

So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables,

'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a household is divided against itself, that household will not be able to stand.

Now if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him.

But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and plunder his property unless he has first tied up the strong man. Only then will he plunder the house.

'Amen I say to you, everything will be forgiven to the children of men, all their sins and whatever blasphemies they make; but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never receive forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.'

This was because they were saying, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Now his mother and his brothers arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message calling him. And around him was sitting a crowd and they said to him,

'Look, your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.'

He replied,

'Who are my mother and brothers?'

And looking at those sitting in a circle round him, he said,

'Here are my mother and my brothers.

Whoever does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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