

EIGHTH SUNDAY

Season of the Year C

First Reading † Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind;
the faults of a person become clear in speech.
The kiln tests the work of the potter;
the test of a person is in conversation.

An orchard of trees is judged by its fruit;
similarly words make clear a person's ideas.
Do not praise anyone who has not yet spoken
for this is where people are tested.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 91:2-3.13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High;
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The righteous will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

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

And when this corruptible nature has put on incorruptibility, and this mortal nature has put on immortality, then will the written word occur: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, who gave us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then, my dear brothers and sisters, stay firm and immovable, always abounding in energy for the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord none of your labours is in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus also told them a parable,

‘Can one blind person guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?

Disciple is not superior to teacher; but fully trained disciple will be like teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in another’s eye and never notice the log in your own? How can you say to another, “My friend, let me take out that splinter in your eye,” when you cannot see the log in your own? Hypocrite! Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter in another’s eye.

‘No good tree produces rotten fruit, nor again does a rotten tree produce good fruit, d for every tree is known by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from a bramble.

A good person brings out what is good from the store of goodness of the heart; an evil person draws out what is evil from the store of evil. For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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