

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY



First Reading † Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then the Lord said,

‘The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin is so grave, that I shall go down and see whether or not their actions correspond to the outcry reaching me. Then I shall know.’

While the men left there and went to Sodom, Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached and said,

‘Will you really sweep away the righteous with the guilty? Perhaps there are fifty righteous people in the city. Will you really destroy it? Will you not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing: to put the righteous to death with the guilty, so that righteous and guilty fare alike! Is the judge of the whole world not to act justly?’

The Lord replied,

‘If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I shall spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham spoke up and said,

‘It is presumptuous of me to speak to the Lord, I who am dust and ashes. Perhaps the fifty righteous were five short? Would you destroy the whole city because of five?’

He replied,

‘No, I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’

Abraham persisted and said to him,

‘Perhaps there are forty to be found there?’

He replied,

‘I will not do it, for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said,

‘I hope my Lord will not be angry if I speak: perhaps there are only thirty to be found there?’

He replied,

‘I will not do it if I find thirty there.’

He said,

‘Please, I have resolved to speak to my Lord: perhaps there will be only twenty there?’

He replied,

‘I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty.’

He said,

‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’

He replied,

‘I will not destroy it, for the sake of the ten.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 137:1-3.6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy Temple.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name over all.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my enemies.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

With your right hand you save me;
the Lord will accomplish this for me.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading † Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with him in baptism, by which also you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and uncircumcised in body, he brought you to life with him, forgiving us all our sins. He has wiped out the record of our debt to the Law, which stood against us, setting it aside by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Now it happened that Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said,

‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’

He said to them,

‘When you pray, this is what to say:

Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test.’

He also said to them,

‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say,

“My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to put before him;” and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.”

I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will make him get up and give his friend all he needs.

‘So I say to you: ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
everyone who searches finds;
everyone who knocks will have the door opened.

What father among you, if his son asked for a fish, would hand him a snake? Or if he asked for an egg, hand him a scorpion?

If you then, evil as you are, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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