

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY



First Reading † Amos 6:1.4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those so comfortable in Zion
and for those so confident on the hill of Samaria.
You who lie on ivory beds and lounge on divans,
dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal;
sing to the sound of the lyre
and, like David, improvise on musical instruments.

They drink wine by the bowlful,
anointed with the finest oils.
For the ruin of Joseph they care nothing.
Therefore now they shall go into exile
at the head of the column of exiles.
The cries of the revellers fall silent.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 145:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry;
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the righteous,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading # 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Man of God that you are, avoid all that. Pursue righteousness, piety, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith and take a hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made your noble profession of faith before many witnesses. Now, before God, who brings everything to life, and before Jesus Christ, who witnessed to his noble profession of faith before Pontius Pilate, I charge you to keep the commandment without fault or failure, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

in due time this will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
who dwells in inaccessible light,
whom no human has seen or can see;
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 16:19-31

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there used to lie a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with what fell from the rich man’s table. Even dogs came and licked his sores. Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels into Abraham’s embrace. The rich man also died and was buried.

In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his embrace. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.”

Abraham said, “My son, remember that during your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to block those who want to cross from our side to yours or from your side to ours.”

So he said, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.”

Abraham said, “They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them.”

The rich man replied, “Ah no, father Abraham, but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.”

Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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