

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY



First Reading † Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

A reading from the book of Exodus

Then the Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua,

‘Pick some men for us and tomorrow go out and fight against Amalek.
I, for my part, shall take my stand on the top of the hill
with the staff of God in my hand.’

Joshua did as Moses had told him and went out to engage Amalek, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he lowered his arms, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses’ arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it, with Aaron and Hur supporting his arms on each side. Thus his arms remained steady till sunset, and Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guard,
the Lord the shade at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading # 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You, however, must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness. This is how someone dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I charge you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, encourage – with the utmost patience in teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel # Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. He said,

‘There was a judge in a certain town, who had neither fear of God nor respect for any human person.

In the same town there was also a widow who kept on coming to him and saying,

“Give me justice against my opponent!”

For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself,

“Even though I have neither fear of God nor respect for any human person, I must grant this widow justice since she is such a nuisance, or in the end she will come and slap me in the face.”

And the Lord said,

‘Do you hear what the unjust judge has to say?

Now, will not God grant justice to his chosen ones

who keep calling to him day and night even though he delays?

I promise you, he will grant justice to them, and speedily.

But when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

The Gospel of the Lord.