

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY



First Reading † Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

A reading from the prophet Malachi

‘For look, the day is coming, glowing like a furnace. All the proud and all the evildoers will be the stubble and the day, when it comes, will set them ablaze, says the Lord Sabaoth, leaving them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name, the sun of justice will rise with healing in its rays.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

For the Lord comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading † 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

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

You know how you should take us as your model: we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever accept food from anyone without paying for it; no, we worked with toil and trouble, night and day, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to imitate.

When we were with you we gave this command, that anyone who did not wish to work should not eat. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no

work themselves but interfering with other people's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and urge such people to earn the food they eat by working quietly.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel # Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said,

‘All these things you see – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another which will not be pulled down.’

And they put to him a question, saying,

‘Teacher, when will this happen, and what sign will there be that it is about to take place?’

But he said,

‘Take care not to be led astray, for many will come using my name and saying, “I am the one” and “The time is near at hand.” Do not follow them.

And when you hear of wars and upheavals, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not come at once.’

Then he said to them,

‘Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines in various places;
there will be terrifying events and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, they will lay hands on you and persecute you,
handing you over to the synagogues and prisons,
and you will be brought before kings and governors for the sake of my name.

This will give you opportunity to bear witness.
Make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance,
for I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom
that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends;
and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost.
By your endurance you will win your lives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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