

XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 17 (16):6, 8

To You I call, for You will surely heed me, O God;
Turn Your ear to me, hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of Your eye;
In the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Reading 1

Is 54:1, 4 – 6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96 (95)

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Reading 2

1 Thes 1:1 – 5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,
before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Alleluia

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

Gospel

Mt. 22:15 – 21

The Pharisees went off
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,
for you do not regard a person's status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 119 (118): 47, 48

I will ponder Your statutes, which I have greatly loved:
And I will lift my hands to Your commandments, which I have loved.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 33 (32):18 – 19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,
By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.