

August 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

[Isaiah 22:19-23](#)

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station.

On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah;

I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;

when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open.

I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

[Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8](#)

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth;

in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:

When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.

Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Reading 2

[Romans 11:33-36](#)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?*

*Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**September 3**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1**

[Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.  
All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.  
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones;  
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

**Responsorial Psalm**

[Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,  
for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reading 2**

[Romans 12:1-2](#)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.  
Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Gospel**

[Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly  
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.  
Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."  
He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.  
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.  
What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?  
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?  
For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."