

**October 23, 2022: The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

The LORD is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites.  
Though not unduly partial toward the weak,  
yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.

The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,  
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition  
reaches the heavens.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not  
rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the  
Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the  
right, and the Lord will not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23****R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy  
remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them,  
and from all their distress He rescues them.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit He saves.  
The LORD redeems the lives of His servants;  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in Him.

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.****Second Reading****2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation, and the  
time of my departure is at hand. I have competed  
well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on  
that day, and not only to me, but to all who have  
longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one  
appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me.  
May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood  
by me and gave me strength, so that through me the  
proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles  
might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's  
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to His heavenly Kingdom. To  
Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading****Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were  
convinced of their own righteousness and despised  
everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one  
was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The  
Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to  
himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest  
of humanity— greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even  
like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay  
tithes on my whole income.'

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would  
not even raise his eyes to Heaven but beat his breast  
and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'  
I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the  
former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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