

June 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 89

Reading 1

Gn 3:9-15

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree,
the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"¹
He answered, "I heard you in the garden;
but I was afraid, because I was naked,
so I hid myself."²
Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked?
You have eaten, then,
from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!"³
The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—⁴
she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it."
The LORD God then asked the woman,
"Why did you do such a thing?"
The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."⁵

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:
"Because you have done this, you shall be banned
from all the animals
and from all the wild creatures;
on your belly shall you crawl,
and dirt shall you eat
all the days of your life.⁶
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;

¹ A time when humans and God walked and talked to each other.

² Shame and guilt; the effects of sin.

³ God knew the humans had eaten of the forbidden fruit.

⁴ The normal reaction for a person who is guilty of sin is to blame others but not themselves.

⁵ Notice how the woman when confronted with what she did, does exactly what the man did, blame someone else.

⁶ God doesn't ask the serpent if he told the woman to eat of the forbidden fruit, but seemingly tells him how he will live.

he will strike at your head,
while you strike at his heel."⁷

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7bc) **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**⁸

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

R. **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

R. **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption
and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

R. **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

Reading 2

2 Cor 4:13—5:1

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have the same spirit of faith⁹,
according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*,
we too believe and therefore we speak,
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus

⁷ God then tells the serpent how it will eventually becoming his downfall; the woman's offspring will strike the serpent's head and the serpent will strike at his heel. This is an allusion to Mary and her son Jesus.

⁸ We see in our first reading, taken from the Garden of Eden, that God is just and merciful.

⁹ The Holy Spirit that gives us faith, when we ask.

and place us with you in his presence.¹⁰
Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.
Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.
For this momentary light affliction¹¹
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Alleluia

Jn 12:31b-32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the ruler of the world will be driven out, says the Lord;
and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 3:20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples¹².
Again the crowd gathered,
making it impossible for them even to eat.
When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,
for they said, "He is out of his mind¹³."
The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said,
"He is possessed by Beelzebul,"

¹⁰ The belief that faith in the Jesus and his death, resurrection, and ascension also brings us into the same relationship with the Father who raised Jesus and gave him eternal life.

¹¹ In faith, we begin our transformation to becoming like Jesus.

¹² To Nazareth.

¹³ To the world, living in accordance with the Word of God seems to be crazy. But to live in accordance with Satn, the Prince of this world, seems normal.

and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."¹⁴

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables,
"How can Satan drive out Satan?
If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.
And if a house is divided against itself,
that house will not be able to stand.
And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him.
But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property
unless he first ties up the strong man.
Then he can plunder the house."¹⁵
Amen, I say to you,
all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be
forgiven them.
But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
will never have forgiveness,
but is guilty of an everlasting sin¹⁶.
For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived.
Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.
A crowd seated around him told him,
"Your mother and your brothers and your sisters
are outside asking for you."
But he said to them in reply,
"Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."

¹⁴ Those who live by the standards of the world think that living within the Word of God is caused by Satan the assertion made by Satan himself.

¹⁵ Jesus has just told the crowd and those from Jerusalem that they are on the side of Satan.

¹⁶ To sin is not good because it separated one from God, but God's love is so great that he will be forgiven if repentant. But the one who rejects God's love, sinning against the Holy Spirit, does not want forgiveness. This would have outraged the people who believed they were God's agents of mercy,