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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.— *Psalms 98:5*

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalms — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself,
then you can also bring peace to others.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia

Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;
Blessed Virgin Mary

RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

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