

October 31, 2010
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22–12:1

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Our Lord, compared with you,
the world is a speck of dust too light for the scales.
And it quickly disappears like drops of morning dew.

You show mercy to everyone,
and your power is absolute.
You overlook our sins,
so that we will turn to you.

You created everything,
and you love it all.
You would never make anything that you did not like.

Nothing would have lasted,
unless you had wanted it to.
Only what you commanded to last could have endured.
Master, you love all who live,
and you have pity on all of us,
because everything is yours.
Your eternal Spirit is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9,
13cd-14*

*All: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

*I will praise you,
my God and King,
and always honor your name.
I will praise you each day
and always honor your name.*

*All: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

*You are merciful, LORD!
You are kind and patient
and always loving.
You are good to everyone,
and you take care
of all your creation.*

*All: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

*Our LORD, you keep your word
and do everything you say.
When someone stumbles or falls,
you give a helping hand.*

*All: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

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SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

God chose you,
and we keep praying that God will make you
worthy of being his people.

We pray for God's power to help you do
all the good things that you hope to do
and that your faith makes you want to do.

Then, because God and our Lord Jesus Christ are so kind,
you will bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus,
and he will bring honor to you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was going through Jericho,
where a man named Zacchaeus lived.
He was in charge of collecting taxes and was very rich.

Jesus was heading his way,
and Zacchaeus wanted to see what he was like.
But Zacchaeus was a short man
and could not see over the crowd.
So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree.
When Jesus got there, he looked up and said,
"Zacchaeus, hurry down!
I want to stay with you today."

Zacchaeus hurried down and gladly welcomed Jesus.

Everyone who saw this started grumbling,
"This man Zacchaeus is a sinner!
And Jesus is going home to eat with him."

Later that day Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,
"I will give half of my property to the poor.
And I will now pay back four times as much
to everyone I have ever cheated."

Jesus said to Zacchaeus,
"Today you and your family have been saved,
because you are a true son of Abraham.
The Son of Man came to look for and to save
people who are lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.