

October 3, 2010
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3;
2:2-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk

This was my prayer to God:

“Our LORD, how long must I beg for your help
before you listen?

You won’t help when I tell you about all of the violence.
Why do you make me watch such terrible injustice?
Violence and destruction, crime and cruelty
are spreading everywhere.”

Then the LORD told me,

“I will give you my message in the form of a vision.

Write it on a big clay tablet
and make it easy to read.

At the time I have chosen,
these things will happen.

You can trust what I say about the future.

It may take a long time,
but keep on waiting,
because it will happen.

I don’t like proud people,
but everyone who is faithful will please me and live.”

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 95:1-2,
6-7abcd, 7e-9*

*All: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.*

*Sing joyful songs to the LORD!
Praise the mighty rock
where we are safe.
Come to worship him
with thankful hearts
and songs of praise.*

*All: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.*

*Bow down and worship
the LORD our Creator!
The LORD is our God,
and we are his people,
the sheep he takes care of
in his own pasture.*

*All: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.*

*Listen to God's voice today!
Don't be stubborn and rebel
as your ancestors did
at Meribah and at Massah
out in the desert.
For forty years
they tested God and saw
the things he did.*

*All: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

I ask you to make full use of the gift that God gave you when I placed my hands on you.

Use it well.

God's Spirit does not make cowards out of us.

The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control.

Don't be ashamed to speak for our Lord.

And don't be ashamed of me,

just because I am in jail for serving him.

Use the power that comes from God

and join with me in suffering for telling the good news.

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GOSPEL
Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord,
"Make our faith stronger!"

Jesus replied:
"If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed,
you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up,
roots and all,
and to plant itself in the ocean.
And it would!

"If your servant comes in from plowing
or from taking care of the sheep,
would you say, 'Welcome!
Come on in and have something to eat'?
No, you wouldn't say that.
You would say, 'Fix me something to eat.
Get ready to serve me, so I can have my meal.
Then later on you can eat and drink.'

"Servants don't deserve special thanks
for doing what they are supposed to do.
And that's how it should be with you.
When you've done all you should,
then say, 'We are merely servants,
and we have simply done our duty.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.