

September 12, 2010
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-15b

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord.
He has given me the strength for my work
because he knew that he could trust me.

I used to say terrible and insulting things about him,
and I was cruel.
But he had mercy on me
because I didn't know what I was doing,
and I had not yet put my faith in him.
Christ Jesus our Lord was very kind to me.
He has greatly blessed my life
with faith and love just like his own.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
and I was the worst sinner of all!

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 111:1-2,
3-4, 7-8*

*All: Your works, O Lord,
are justice and truth.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

*Shout praises to the LORD!
With all my heart
I will thank the LORD
when his people meet.
The LORD has done
many wonderful things!
Everyone who is pleased
with God's marvelous deeds
will keep them in mind.*

*All: Your works, O Lord,
are justice and truth.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

*Everything the LORD does
is glorious and majestic,
and his power to bring justice
will never end.
The LORD God is famous
for his wonderful deeds,
and he is kind and merciful.*

*All: Your works, O Lord,
are justice and truth.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

*God is always honest and fair,
and his laws can be trusted.
They are true and right
and will stand forever.*

*All: Your works, O Lord,
are justice and truth.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

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GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told the people this story:

"Once a man had two sons.
The younger son said to his father,
'Give me my share of the property.'
So the father divided his property between his two sons.

"Not long after that,
the younger son packed up everything he owned
and left for a foreign country,
where he wasted all his money in wild living.
He had spent everything,
when a bad famine spread through that whole land.
Soon he had nothing to eat.

"He went to work for a man in that country,
and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs.
He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating,
but no one gave him a thing.

"Finally, he came to his senses and said,
'My father's workers have plenty to eat,
and here I am, starving to death!
I will leave and go to my father and say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you.
I am no longer good enough to be called your son.
Treat me like one of your workers.'"

"The younger son got up and started back to his father.
But when he was still a long way off,
his father saw him and felt sorry for him.
He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.

"The son said,
'Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you.
I am no longer good enough to be called your son.'

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"But his father said to the servants,
'Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him.
Give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.
Get the best calf and prepare it,
so we can eat and celebrate.
This son of mine was dead,
but has now come back to life.
He was lost and has now been found.'
And they began to celebrate.

"The older son had been out in the field.
But when he came near the house,
he heard the music and dancing.
So he called one of the servants over and asked,
'What's going on here?'

"The servant answered,
'Your brother has come home safe and sound,
and your father ordered us to kill the best calf.'
The older brother got so mad
that he would not even go into the house.

"His father came out and begged him to go in.
But he said to his father,
'For years I have worked for you like a slave
and have always obeyed you.
But you have never even given me a little goat,
so that I could give a dinner for my friends.
This other son of yours wasted your money on bad women.
And now that he has come home,
you order the best calf to be killed for a feast.'

"His father replied,
'My son, you are always with me,
and everything I have is yours.
But we should be glad and celebrate!
Your brother was dead,
but he is now alive.
He was lost and has now been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.