

Thursday of the ninth week in Ordinary Time 2

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24:16,18

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

FIRST READING

2 Tm 2:8-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

The word of God is not chained. If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Remind them of this; and tell them in the name of God that there is to be no wrangling about words: all that this ever achieves is the destruction of those who are listening. Do all you can to present yourself in front of God as a man who has come through his trials, and a man who has no cause to be ashamed of his life's work and has kept a straight course with the message of the truth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-10. 14. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment. The second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:6

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

or *Mk 11:23,24*

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe you will receive it, and it will be yours, says the Lord