

# 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Reading 1

**Citation:** 2 Samuel, Chap. 12, Verses 7-10, 13  
2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13

## A reading from the second Book of Samuel

Nathan said to David:

(serious) (take your time throughout)

"Thus says the LORD God of Israel:

(serious tone) (very short pause)

'I anointed you king of Israel.

(each of the 4 sentences is separate)

I rescued you from the hand of Saul.

I gave you your lord's house and your lord's wives for your own.

I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah.

And if this were not enough,

(faster pace; somewhat exasperated)

I could count up for you still more.

Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight?

(very short pause)

You have cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword;

(each of these 3 phrases separate)

you took his wife as your own,

and him you killed with the sword of the Ammonites.

(very short pause)

Now, therefore,

(grave; God is giving a penalty)

the sword shall never depart from your house,

because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife."

Then David said to Nathan,

(now it is David who is grave)

"I have sinned against the LORD."

(remorseful) (very short pause)

Nathan answered David:

"The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin:

(serious but hopeful)

you shall not die."

(serious; "not" is key word)

**The word of the Lord.**

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Reading 2

Citation: Galatians, Chap. 2, Verses 16, 19-21  
Galatians 2: 16, 19-21

## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

We

who know that a person is not justified by works of the law  
but through faith in Jesus Christ,

(almost parenthetical) (very short pause)

even we have believed in Christ Jesus

that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law,  
because by works of the law no one will be justified.

(very short pause)

For through the law

(argumentative – this sentence)

I died to the law,

that I might live for God.

(very short pause)

I have been crucified with Christ;

(a fiercely passionate sentence?)

yet

I live,

(exultant affirmation)

no longer I,

(tone of denial)

but Christ lives in me;

(satisfaction; triumph) (very short pause)

insofar as I now live in the flesh,

I live by faith in the Son of God

who has loved me and given himself up for me.

(almost parenthetical) (very short pause)

I do not nullify the grace of God;

(very short pause)

for if justification comes through the law,

(almost pleading?)

then

Christ died for nothing.

(almost despair)

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GOSPEL  
Longer Form

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 7, Verse 36 – Chap. 8, Verse 3  
Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3

**Jesus is borrowing on the Jewish customs of hospitality to point up how we can fail to love someone simply because they are "different".**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him,  
and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.

(very short pause)

Now there was a sinful woman in the city  
who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee.

(really one long sentence)

Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment,  
she stood behind him at his feet weeping  
and began to bathe his feet with her tears.

(very short pause)

Then she wiped them with her hair,  
kissed them,  
and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee  
who had invited him  
saw this he said to himself,  
"If this man were a prophet,  
he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him,  
that she is a sinner."

(parenthetical)

(lower voice volume)

(disdain?)

(very short pause)

Jesus said to him in reply,  
"Simon,  
I have something to say to you."

(gentle firmness)

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

(very short pause)

"Two people were in debt to a certain creditor;  
one owed five hundred days' wages  
and the other owed fifty.  
Since they were unable to repay the debt,  
he forgave it for both."

(very short pause)

Which of them will love him more?"

(real question)

Simon said in reply,  
"The one,  
I suppose,  
whose larger debt was forgiven."

(reluctant agreement)

## Proclamation Format

He said to him,  
"You have judged rightly."

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon,  
"Do you see this woman?" (not quite accusatory)

When I entered your house,  
you did not give me water for my feet,  
but she has bathed them with her tears  
and wiped them with her hair. (gentle accusation)

You did not give me a kiss,  
but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. (more accusatory)  
(mounting firmness)

You did not anoint my head with oil,  
but she anointed my feet with ointment. (still more accusation)  
(very short pause)

So I tell you,  
her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. (compassionate)

But  
the one to whom little is forgiven,  
loves little." (a direct accusation)

He said to her,  
"Your sins are forgiven." (short pause)

The others at table said to themselves,  
"Who is this who even forgives sins?" (incredulous)

But he said to the woman,  
"Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (gentle, loving)

Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another,  
preaching (reporting)  
and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.

Accompanying him were the Twelve  
and some women  
who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, (almost parenthetical)  
Mary,  
called Magdalene,  
from whom seven demons had gone out,  
Joanna,  
the wife of Herod's steward Chuza,  
Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

## The Gospel of the Lord.

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Shorter Form

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Luke 7: 36-50

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