

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

There are two (2) forms of the 2nd Reading
and two (2) forms of the Gospel for today's liturgy

Reading 1

**Citation: Wisdom, Chap. 18, Verses 6-9
Wisdom 18: 6-9**

**You are reminding your listeners of their good fortune, even today! Be positive, advisory, gentle.
Everything we have is God's gift to us.**

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, (you are an advisor)
that,
with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith,
they might have courage. (very short pause)

Your people awaited the salvation of the just (a reminder)
and the destruction of their foes. (very short pause)

For when you punished our adversaries, (thanking God for good fortune)
in this
you glorified us
whom you had summoned. (parenthetical) (short pause)

For in secret (a positive statement)
the holy children of the good
were offering sacrifice
and putting into effect
with one accord (emphatic; almost parenthetical)
the divine institution.

The word of the Lord.

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Reading 2
Longer Form

Citation: Hebrews, Chap. 11, Verses 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

A long proclamation, but DON'T RUSH IT! The definition of "faith." Let your listeners realize you mean it! The author uses "by faith" 3 times; use it more strongly each time you proclaim it. He is arguing that our faith is key to our relationship with God. It is no longer merely following the rules but sensing in our deepest being that God is worth our trust. Be emphatic about this.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: (warm; a storyteller)

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.

Because of it
the ancients were well attested. (very short pause)

By faith
Abraham obeyed when he was called
to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; (short pause)

he went out,
not knowing where he was to go. (almost parenthetical)

By faith
he sojourned in the promised land
as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents
with Isaac and Jacob,
heirs of the same promise;

for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker
is God. (short pause)

By faith
he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age (amazement)
-- and Sarah herself was sterile -- (almost parenthetical; declaration)

for he thought
that the one who had made the promise
was trustworthy. (short pause)

So it was that there came forth from one man,

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himself as good as dead, (parenthetical)
descendants

as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore. (short pause)

All these died in faith. (slow; emphasize each word)

They did not receive what had been promised
but saw it (confidence – rest of sentence)

and greeted it from afar
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers
and aliens on earth, (very short pause)

for those who speak thus
show
that they are seeking a homeland. (short pause)

If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,
they would have had opportunity to return. (short pause)

But now
they desire a better homeland, (very short pause)
a heavenly one. (emphatic!)

Therefore,
God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith
Abraham, (parenthetical)
when put to the test, (very short pause)
offered up Isaac,

and he who had received the promises
was ready to offer his only son, (almost unbelievable)

of whom it was said,
"Through Isaac
descendants shall bear your name."

He reasoned
that God was able to raise even from the dead,
and he received Isaac back
as a symbol. (quiet confidence)

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Reading 2
Shorter Form

Citation: Hebrews, Chap. 11, Verses 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: (warm; storyteller)

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.

Because of it the ancients were well attested. (very short pause)

By faith

Abraham obeyed when he was called (short pause)
to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, (almost parenthetical)
not knowing where he was to go.

By faith

he sojourned in the promised land (pay attention to phraseology, here)
as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents
with Isaac and Jacob,
heirs of the same promise;

for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God. (short pause)

By faith

he received power to generate, (amazement)
even though he was past the normal age
-- and Sarah herself was sterile -- (almost parenthetical; declaration)

for he thought
that the one who had made the promise
was trustworthy. (short pause)

So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead, (parenthetical)
descendants

as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore. (be emphatic; confident)

The word of the Lord.

Proclaim the Word!

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GOSPEL
Longer Form

Citation: Luke, Chap. 12, Verses 32-48
Luke 12: 32-48

The lesson to be taught involves how we work at our relationship with God. It is so much more than merely following the rules! We'll make mistakes, but keep making the effort! God is seeking a response from us to His offer of Love. That response must involve our totality, nothing held back. His instructions are clear; Prudence tells us to be vigilant and patient as well as committed. God's Time is not our time. Be the gentle but firm teacher that Jesus was.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. (very short pause)

Sell your belongings and give alms. (gentle; not a command!)

Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. (voice goes up then down)

For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps (this phrase – slightly faster pace)
and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,

ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. (very short pause)

Blessed are those servants (confident; reassuring)
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. " "

Amen, I say to you,
he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. (very firm)

And should he come in the second or third watch (voice goes up steadily)

and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants. (voice goes down)

Be sure of this: (instructing)

if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, (voice goes up)

he would not have let his house be broken into. (voice goes down)

You also must be prepared, (be emphatic)

for at an hour you do not expect, " "

the Son of Man will come." (short pause)

Then Peter said,

"Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"

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And the Lord replied,

"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?

(steadily rising question)

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Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.

(firm; factual)

Truly, I say to you,

the master will put the servant in charge of all his property.

But

if that servant says to himself,

'My master is delayed in coming,'

(he's "sure of this" attitude)

and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,

to eat and drink and get drunk,

then

that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour

(anger)

and will punish the servant severely

"

and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

"

That servant who knew his master's will

but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will

shall be beaten severely;

and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will

but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating

(almost parenthetical)

shall be beaten only lightly.

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,

(emphatic)

and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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GOSPEL
Shorter Form

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Luke 12: 35-40

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

(this phrase – slightly faster pace)
(very short pause)
(confident; reassuring)
" "

Amen, I say to you,
he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

(very firm)

And should he come in the second or third watch
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Be sure of this:
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he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

(voice goes up steadily)
(voice goes down)
(instructing)
(voice goes up)
(voice goes down)
(be emphatic)
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The Gospel of the Lord.