

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Reading 1

**Citation: Exodus, Chap. 32, Verses 7-11, 13-14**  
**Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14**

### A reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses,  
"Go down at once to your people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,  
for they have become depraved. (God is at least upset; express it!)  
(short pause)

They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them; (God continues speaking)  
making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it,  
sacrificing to it and crying out, (God is getting very upset?)  
'This is your God, O Israel,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt!'

I see how stiff-necked this people is," (God is frustrated?)  
continued the LORD to Moses. (parenthetical)  
"Let me alone, then, ("Let me be! in my anger!")  
that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. ( "  
( Then I will make of you a great nation." ( "

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying,  
"Why, O LORD, (Moses is very surprised!)  
should your wrath blaze up against your own people, (Questioning tone)  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt  
with such great power and with so strong a hand? "

Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, (Now, Moses is pleading)  
and how you swore to them  
by your own self,  
saying,  
'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; (affirming!)  
and all this land that I promised,  
I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"

So the LORD relented in the punishment (Moses: "Whew! Dodged that one!?!")  
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Proclaim the Word!**

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Reading 2

Citation: 1 Timothy, Chap. 1, Verses 12-17  
1 Timothy 1: 12-17

### A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: (very short pause)

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me,  
Christ Jesus our Lord, (very short pause)

because he considered me trustworthy  
in appointing me to the ministry. (parenthetical) (short pause)

I was once a blasphemer  
and a persecutor  
and arrogant,  
but I have been mercifully treated (very short pause)  
because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. (almost parenthetical) (short pause)

Indeed,  
the grace of our Lord has been abundant, (very positive)  
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (convinced)

This saying is trustworthy  
and deserves full acceptance: (parenthetical)  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (The main point! emphasize it!) (Pause)

Of these I am the foremost. (admission: "I'm the one") (very short pause)

But for that reason  
I was mercifully treated, (very short pause)

so that in me,  
as the foremost,  
Christ Jesus might display all his patience  
as an example for those who would come to believe in him (parenthetical)  
for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, (like a toast; offer it!)  
incorruptible,  
invisible,  
the only God,  
honor and glory  
forever and ever. (very short pause)

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**Proclamation Format**

Amen.

**(louder!)**

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**There are two forms of the Gospel, today.  
Be sure you know which Form is to be used.**

GOSPEL  
**Longer Form**

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 15, Verses 1-32  
Luke 15: 1-32

**Three great stories. The first two are practical. They lead to the third (which is the whole point of the discourse). God loves us in spite of ourselves. All we need to do is recognize our selfishness and egotism; admit we're sorry for them; and then act to be in loving relationship with God – putting God first. Proclaim the passage with this conclusion firmly in mind. Express the ultimate point as the loving father to his loved son.**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

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but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, (almost parenthetical)  
"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." (disdain!)

So to them he addressed this parable. (a long questioning sentence)  
"What man among you having a hundred sheep

and losing one of them  
would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert  
and go after the lost one until he finds it? (very short pause)

And when he does find it,  
he sets it on his shoulders with great joy  
and, upon his arrival home, (almost parenthetical)

he calls together his friends and neighbors  
and says to them,  
'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' (be happy sounding!)

I tell you,  
in just the same way  
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents (happy sounding!)  
than over ninety-nine righteous people  
who have no need of repentance. (very short pause)

"Or what woman having ten coins  
and losing one  
would not light a lamp and sweep the house,  
searching carefully  
until she finds it?  
And when she does find it, (WOW!)  
she calls together her friends and neighbors

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and says to them,  
'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' (happy sounding!)

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there will be rejoicing among the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents." (three stresses)

Then he said,  
"A man had two sons,  
and the younger son said to his father,  
'Father (assertive; insistent)  
give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'

So the father divided the property between them. (a fact) (very short pause)

After a few days, (story-telling)  
the younger son collected all his belongings  
and set off to a distant country  
where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. (unbelievable!)

When he had freely spent everything,  
a severe famine struck that country,  
and he found himself in dire need. (slower; voice goes down)

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens  
who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. (disgust ?)  
And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed,  
but nobody gave him any. (voice goes down)

Coming to his senses  
he thought,  
'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat,  
but here am I,  
dying from hunger. (very short pause)

I shall get up and go to my father  
and I shall say to him,  
"Father, (a supplicant)  
I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son;  
treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." (rejects himself)  
(very short pause)

So he got up  
and went back to his father. (very short pause)

While he was still a long way off,  
his father caught sight of him, (surprise)

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and was filled with compassion.

He ran to his son,  
embraced him and kissed him.

(very short pause)

His son said to him,

'Father,

(sincere)

I have sinned against heaven and against you;

(remorseful)

I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants,

(faster pace thru this speech)

'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;

put a ring on his finger

and sandals on his feet.

(not quite an after-thought)

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.

Then

let us celebrate with a feast,

(very happy !)

because this son of mine was dead,

"

and has come to life again;

"

he was lost,

"

and has been found.'

"

Then the celebration began.

(very short pause)

Now the older son had been out in the field and,

on his way back,

as he neared the house,

he heard the sound of music and dancing.

(cautious; almost questioning)

He called one of the servants

and asked what this might mean.

(very concerned)

The servant said to him,

'Your brother has returned

(flustered)

and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf

(not sure he should say anything)

because he has him back safe and sound.'

(very short pause)

He became angry,

(your alarmed!)

and when he refused to enter the house,

"

his father came out and pleaded with him.

(be the father)

He said to his father in reply,

'Look,

(frustrated; unsure of self)

all these years I served you

and not once did I disobey your orders;

(a bit of anger?)

yet

you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.

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But when your son returns,  
who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,  
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

(sarcasm)  
(righteous anger ?)  
(how could you? disbelief)

He said to him,  
'My son,  
you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.  
But now  
we must celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother was dead  
and has come to life again;  
he was lost and has been found.' "

(gentle; concerned; loving)  
  
(pleading for understanding)  
"  
"  
"

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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GOSPEL  
**Short Form**

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**Stories of our recognition and joy when we realize that something we treasure is lost and then found.  
Tell them with a kind of "you know this, of course" tone of voice.**

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