

## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

Reading 1

*Citation:* Habakkuk, Chap. 1, Verses 2-3; Chap. 2, Verses 2-4  
Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

The prophet reminds us of our impatience and self-centeredness that get in the way of doing God's Will. We are like children whose only concern is their desires RIGHT NOW! But God expects much more maturity from us. He keeps His word and asks only that we learn to trust Him. He advises us as the loving parent He is.

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk

How long, O LORD? (Pleading) (very short pause)  
I cry for help (Pleading) (Voice goes up)  
but you do not listen! (Discouraged) (Voice goes down) (very short pause)

I cry out to you, (Pleading)  
"Violence!" (Raise volume) (very short pause)  
but you do not intervene. (short pause)

Why do you let me see ruin; (almost a whining question)  
why must I look at misery? (very short pause)

Destruction and violence are before me; (Insistent)  
there is strife, and clamorous discord. (Insistent) (short pause)

Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, (firm but not a command)  
so that one can read it readily. (almost parenthetical)  
For the vision still has its time, { Assurance  
{ " "  
{ " "

if it delays,  
wait for it,  
it will surely come, { more assurance  
{ " (very short pause)  
it will not be late.

The rash one has no integrity; (very short pause)  
but the just one,  
because of his faith, (parenthetical)  
shall live. (Hurrah!)

### The word of the Lord.

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Reading 2

*Citation:* 2 Timothy, Chap. 1, verses 6-8, 13-14  
2 Timothy 1: 5-8, 13-14

**St. Paul's words echo those of the first reading. Only now, because of Jesus' promise to us we have even more reason to trust in God's Love and have faith in Him. Be Paul as you advise your disciples to keep what Paul, himself, teaches us about Jesus and the Father.**

### **A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Beloved:

(firmly gentle) (very short pause)

I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God  
that you have through the imposition of my hands.

(almost parenthetical)

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather  
of power and love and self-control.

(confident)

(very confident)

So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord,  
nor of me,  
a prisoner for his sake;  
but bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.

(very short pause)

(NOT parenthetical)

(parenthetical) (very short pause)

(urgent!)

(confident) (almost parenthetical)

Take as your norm  
the sound words that you heard from me,  
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

(you're an advisor)

(very short pause)

Guard this rich trust  
with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

(insistent)

(very assertive)

**The word of the Lord.**

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GOSPEL

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 17, Verses 5-10  
Luke 17: 5-10

Jesus reminds his apostles that they still do not know themselves well enough accept themselves as God created them (as opposed to their own image of who and what they are). Jesus points out that their responsibility is to do God's Will, nothing else. And, in doing His Will, they will realize that their understanding of who and what they are will be an amazingly effective change within them. Then, they will do things they only dream of doing now. Be the gentle, yet firm, teacher and advisor to your listeners.

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

The apostles said to the Lord,  
"Increase our faith."

(firm but gentle – a prayer)

The Lord replied,  
"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you would say to this mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'  
and it would obey you.

(raise volume a bit)  
(very firm)

"Who among you would say to your servant  
who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,  
'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?"

(parenthetical)  
(almost incredulous)

Would he not rather say to him,  
'Prepare something for me to eat.  
Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.  
You may eat and drink when I am finished'?"

(look down your long nose)  
(not quite superior)  
(commanding)  
(not a question) "

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?  
So should it be with you.

(very short pause)  
(voice goes down)

When you have done all you have been commanded,  
say,

'We are unprofitable servants;  
we have done what we were obliged to do.' "

(submitting)  
(still submitting)

### The Gospel of the Lord.