

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR C)**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (27:4-7)

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the  
quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 91:2-3,13-16. R. Cf. v.2)**

**R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians (15:54-58)

When this perishable nature has put on  
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put  
on immortality, then the words of scripture will  
come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death,  
where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?  
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power  
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit  
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,  
knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in  
vain.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Ac 16:14)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Or: (Ph 2:15-16)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

You will shine in the world like bright stars  
because you are offering it the word of life.

**R. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
(6:39-45)

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind  
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?  
The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully  
trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why  
do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye  
and never notice the plank in your own? How can  
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out  
the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot  
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the  
plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see  
clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your  
brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,  
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.  
For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do  
not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from  
brambles. A good man draws what is good from the  
store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws  
what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's  
words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**