

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

2/3 August 2025

First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
Sometimes a person who has toiled with
wisdom and knowledge and skill must
leave everything to be enjoyed by someone
who did not toil for it. This also is vanity
and a great evil. What has a man from all
the toil and striving of heart with which
he toils beneath the sun? For all his days
are full of sorrow, and his work is a
vexation. Even in the night his heart does
not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Second reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been
raised with Christ, seek the things that
are above, where Christ is, seated at the
right hand of God. Set your minds on
things that are above, not on things that
are on earth. For you have died, and your
life is hidden with Christ in God. When
Christ who is your life appears, then you
also will appear with him in glory. Put to
death, therefore, what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil
desire, and covetousness, which is
idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing
that you have put off the old self with its
practices and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge
after the image of its creator. Here there is
not Greek and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,
free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of The Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

