

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

31st August 2025

First reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. **R** cf. 11b

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.

O sing to God; make music to his name.

The Lord is his name.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Father of orphans, defender of widows:
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your heritage languished, you restored it.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at
the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they
were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were
invited, when he noticed how they chose
the places of honour, saying to them,
‘When you are invited by someone to a
wedding feast, do not sit down in a place
of honour, lest someone more
distinguished than you be invited by him,
and he who invited you both will come
and say to you, “Give your place to this
person”, and then you, with shame, will
take the lowest place. But when you are
invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so
that when your host comes he may say to
you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you
will be honoured in the presence of all
who sit at table with you. For everyone
who exalts himself will be humbled, and
he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

He said also to the man who had invited
him, ‘When you give a dinner or a
banquet, do not invite your friends, or
your brothers and sisters or your relatives
or rich neighbours, lest they also invite
you in return and you be repaid. But when
you give a feast, invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will

be blessed, because they cannot repay
you. For you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the just.’

The Gospel of The Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ