

Readings at Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

FIRST READING

SIRACH 27.4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 92(91).2-3, 13-14, 15-16; R. CF. V. 2A

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

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

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 15.54-58

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: *'Death is swallowed up in victory.'* *'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life. **R.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 6.39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable. 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone - when he is fully trained - will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye," when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First, take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil; for, out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks.'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars.