

Readings at Mass for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

FIRST READING

2 MACCABEES 7.1-2, 7A, 9-14

A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

In those days: It happened that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king, under torture with whips and cords, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. One of them, acting as their spokesman, said, 'What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our fathers.'

After the first brother had died, they brought forward the second for their sport. When he was at his last breath, he said, *'You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his laws.'*

After him, the third was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands and said nobly, *'I got these from heaven, and because of his laws I disdain them, and from him I hope to get them back again.'* As a result, the king himself and those with him were astonished at the young man's spirit, for he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

When he too had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. And when he was near death, he said, *'One cannot but choose to die at the hands of men and to cherish the hope that God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no resurrection to life!'*

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 17(16). 1, 5-6, 8, 15; R. V. 15b

R. When I awake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence, O Lord.

O Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my steps firmly in your paths.
My feet have never faltered.
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 2.16-3.5

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead,
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 20.27, 34-38

At that time: *There came to Jesus some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection.*

Jesus said to them, 'The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.'

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

This evening's incense is Galaad