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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LOW MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM
SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM
Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



8:30 am Low Mass
and
10:30 am Sung Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah (1.7, 12–18)

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 (157)

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Blessed are you who fear the Lord, Who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork. Blessed shall you be, and favoured.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion; May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are

awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia ***All:*** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**
Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Gospel of Matthew (25:14-30)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus reminds us that everything we have is a gift entrusted to us by God. Our abilities, opportunities, time, and resources are not simply for our own benefit, but are meant to bear fruit in the service of others. The tragedy of the third servant is not that he possessed little, but that fear prevented him from doing anything with what he had received. Christ calls us to a faith that is active, generous, and courageous. One day, we too will stand before the Lord. Will we have used his gifts faithfully and lovingly?

NOTICES

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

