

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary Time- Year A (P.484)-
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cs Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING 27:30, 28:7 Page 485

A reading from the book of Sirach.

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

✠ The word of the Lord. ✠



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of St Paul to Romans. 14:7-9 page 486

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

* The Life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life; it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. *

✠ The word of the Lord ✠

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Page 487 18:21-35

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

* Peter went up to Jesus and said: "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy seven times."

"And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began they brought him a man who owned ten thousand talents; he has no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.

At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into the prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him.

Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart." *

◆ The Gospel of the Lord. ◆

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us.

◆ Through Christ our Lord. ◆

