

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 37:1-9

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ
Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a
clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I re-
member you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may
be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother
Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure,
lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekin-
dle the gift of God that is within you through the
laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a
spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and
of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about
our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me
in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of
God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling,
not according to our works but according to his own
purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in
Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now
been revealed through the appearing of our Savior
Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For
this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle
and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do.
But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom
I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to
guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.
¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that are
in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted
to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”
⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would
obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who
has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in
the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place
at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him,
‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and
serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat
and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what
was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done
all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worth-
less slaves; we have done only what we ought to have
done!’”

Next Sunday’s Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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