

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 10, 2018

First Reading - Genesis 3: 9-15

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me— she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Psalms 130

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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I Will Choose Christ

*I will choose Christ, I will choose love
I choose to serve
I give my heart, I give my life
I give my all to you*

How many times must he call my name
and show to me that he is God
And as a servant he calls to me
“You must serve too”

Christ, my teacher and healer,
teach my heart and heal my soul
And as I walk this road with you
teach me to love

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Go Make a Difference

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.*

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the
love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.

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“Ground Rules” for Small Group Faith Sharing

Maintain confidentiality – “Whatever happens in small
group stays in small group.”
Judgment-free zone – You don’t have to agree with every-
one, but you have to have respect for everyone.
No “shut downs” or “put downs” – See Christ in one another,
BE Christ to one another.
Don’t be a “discussion hog” – Be sure that everyone that
wants to gets a chance to share.
Leave room for the Spirit – Silence is OK! Not everyone has
to share.
Practice active listening – Avoid interrupting, fidgeting,
criticizing, lecturing, or thinking of what you’re going
to say while another person is speaking.
Questions are a guide - You do not have to answer all of
them or go in order.
Be open – God is doing amazing things!

Petitions

Our response: “Your will be done.”

Closing Prayer

God our Redeemer, in Jesus, your promised Messiah, you
crushed the power of Satan. Sustain your Church in the
struggle against evil, that, hearing your word and doing
your will, we may be fashioned into a household of true dis-
ciples who share in the victory of the cross. Grant this
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever
and ever. Amen.

Questions for Reflection on the Gospel

1. What word, image, or phrase struck you from the Gospel?
2. Is the doing the will of God always easy? Do you think it was easy for Jesus when he figured out what God was asking him to do? Do you always know what the will of God is in a situation? What helps?
3. In the First Reading, it all started with Adam and Eve and their refusal to do the will of God. Who did Adam blame? Who did Eve blame? Can we ourselves blame them that we are not living in the garden of paradise?
4. Adam and Eve sinned and because they had free will. We still sin. There is no garden of Eden anymore but did God the Father give us anything that makes our home on earth a holy place?
5. In the Second Reading, Paul says, “As we look not what is seen, but what is unseen.” Which is the better place, the seen or the unseen? Can you get to the unseen from the seen?
6. Pope Francis has three suggestions regarding our praying for the will of God in his message below. Can you name them?

Words from our Holy Father

Do I pray that the Lord gives me the desire to do his will, or do I look for compromises because I’m afraid of God’s will? Another thing: praying to know God’s will for me and my life concerning a decision that I must take. ... The way in which we handle things. ... there are so many things. Praying for the desire to do God’s will and praying to know God’s will. And when I know God’s will, praying again for the third time, to follow it. To carry out that will, which is not my own, it is his will. And all this is not easy.

-Pope Francis on Discernment,
January 27, 2015, Santa Marta