

## The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

### Reading 1: Isaiah 53: 10-11

The LORD was pleased  
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life,  
and the will of the LORD  
shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction  
he shall see the light in fullness  
of days;  
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.

### Responsorial: Psalm 33

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear  
him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

### Reading 2: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have a great high priest  
who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,  
yet without sin.  
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace  
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

### Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
came to Jesus and said to him,  
"Teacher, we want you to do for us  
whatever we ask of you."  
He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"  
They answered him, "Grant that in your glory  
we may sit one at your right  
and the other at your left."  
Jesus said to them,  
"You do not know what you are asking.  
Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized  
with the baptism with which I am baptized?"  
They said to him, "We can."  
Jesus said to them,  
"The cup that I drink, you will drink,  
and with the baptism with which I am baptized,  
you will be baptized;  
but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give  
but is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
When the ten heard this,  
they became indignant at James and John.  
Jesus summoned them and said to them,  
"You know that those who are recognized  
as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them,  
and their great ones  
make their authority over them felt.  
But it shall not be so among you.  
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you  
will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you  
will be the slave of all.  
For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many."



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### Come Now Is the Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship  
 Come, now is the time to give your heart  
 Come, just as you are to worship  
 Come, just as you are before your God. Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God  
 One day every knee will bow  
 Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
 Who gladly choose You now

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### Psalm 33

*Let your mercy be on us, O God,  
 as we place our trust in you.*



### Cry the Gospel

You are the light of the world,  
 you are the light of the world.  
 Shine for all to see, so in the Father they'll believe.  
 You are the Light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth, you are the salt of the earth,  
 bringing mercy and peace to every person that you meet.  
 You are the salt of the earth.

Say not that you are too young.

**We are holy we are strong!**

With purity and love and faith,

**proclaiming Christ today!**

**Be holy, the Lord be glorified!**

**Be holy, cry the gospel with your life!**

**Standing at the gateway of our faith,**

**on the rock of Peter and the saints,**

**with the Holy Spirit showing us the way**

**to be holy, and cry the gospel,**

**cry the gospel with your life!**

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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: “Lord, let your mercy be on us.”

**Closing Prayer:** Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering, and the grace to find in service the glory you promise. We ask 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

1. What word or phrase from the Gospel resonated with you?
2. At Mass, we hear, ““Do this in memory of me.” In light of the First Reading, could this now common saying be also an invitation to join Jesus’ suffering, and to participate in his redemption of the world? Can God use your actions or your suffering to accomplish God’s work in the world today?
3. In the Second Reading, we hear , “ ... Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God. ... ” Jesus was an authentic human being. What does this mean for us?
4. In the Gospel, the other ten disciples are “indignant at James and John.” Self-centeredness often stimulates the same in others—even in church groups. How could the Responsorial Psalm serve as an antidote?
5. Consider Jesus’ view of “service” in the Gospel Have you ever worked or served with someone who led by the “power” of service and the example of commitment? What was that like?
6. “Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant ... ” In this quotation from his United Nations address below, where does Pope Francis say the full meaning of individual and collective life is found? Why does Jesus attribute so much importance to the emptying of oneself?

### Words from our Holy Father

The common home of all men and women must continue to rise on the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, those considered disposable because they are only considered as part of a statistic. This common home of all men and women must also be built on the understanding of a certain sacredness of created nature. Such understanding and respect call for a higher degree of wisdom, one which accepts transcendence, rejects the creation of an all-powerful elite, and recognizes that the full meaning of individual and collective life is found in selfless service to others and in the sage and respectful use of creation for the common good. –*Pope Francis, Speech to the United Nations, 9/25/15*