

The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?

Will he be slow to answer them?

I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith
on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, October 26

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice,
who knows no favorites.

Though not unduly partial toward the weak,
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.

The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds,
judges justly and affirms the right,
and the Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
4:6-8, 16-18*

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,
but everyone deserted me.