

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
3:14-4:2*

Beloved:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known the sacred
Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God

and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
so that one who belongs to God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.

OBEY AND 
YOU WILL BE
 BLESSED 

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingly power:
proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience
and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable
about the necessity for them to pray always without
becoming weary.

He said, "There was a judge in a certain town
who neither feared God nor respected any human being.
And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,
'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'
For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually
he thought,

'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect
any human being,
because this widow keeps bothering me
I shall deliver a just decision for her
lest she finally come and strike me.'"