

Twenty Third Week in Ordinary Time



First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

Come let us ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;

let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

O come, let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,

for he is our God, and we the people,

the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love one another. For the one who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia,
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
And entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about

anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”