

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

A reading from the book of Sirach

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the faults of a person become clear in speech.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a person is in conversation.

The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
words make clear a person's ideas.

Do not praise anyone who has not yet spoken,
for this is where people are tested.

(pause)

The word of the Lord.

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

All: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters,

when this perishable nature has put on imperishability,

and this mortal nature has put on immortality,

then the words of scripture will come true:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?

Now the sting of death is sin,

and sin gets its power from the Law.

So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, my dear brothers and sisters,

stay firm and immovable,

always abounding in energy for the Lord's work,

knowing that in the Lord none of your labours is in vain.

(pause)

The word of the Lord.

From the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples:

‘Can one blind person guide another?

Surely both will fall into a pit?

The disciple is not superior to the teacher;

the fully trained disciple will always be like the teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in another’s eye

and never notice the plank in your own?

How can you say to another,

“My friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,”

when you cannot see the plank in your own?

Hypocrite!

Take the plank out of your own eye first,

and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in another’s eye.

‘No sound tree produces rotten fruit,

nor again does a rotten tree produce sound fruit.

For every tree can be told by its own fruit:

people do not pick figs from thorns,

nor gather grapes from brambles.

A good person draws what is good from the store of goodness of the heart;

an evil person draws what is evil from the store of evil.

For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.’

(pause)

The Gospel of the Lord.