

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
3rd October, 2010

First Reading **Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4**
A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faith

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw:
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you
“Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and
contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The
wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep
watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my
complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it
plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the
appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry,
wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their
spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 95(94)**
Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

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 forbears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

Second Reading **2 Tim 1:6-14**
A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy
Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord

I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying
on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a
spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then,
of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in
suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and
called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his
own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the
ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our
Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an
apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not
ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that
he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the
standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with
the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Lk. 17:5-10**
✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

If you had faith.
The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”
The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say
to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey
you.
“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from
plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your
place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me,
put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and
drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you
also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are
worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”
For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Christ.**