

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17th October, 2010

First Reading

Exod. 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 121

Response: *Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

R.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

R.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

R.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

R.

Second Reading

2 Tim. 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

This is how the man of God becomes equipped and ready for every good work

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk. 18:1-8

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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