

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**27th February, 2011**

**First Reading**

**Isa. 49:13-18**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps. 61**

**Response: Rest in God alone, my soul.**

In God alone is my soul at rest;  
my help comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm.

**R.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul;  
for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold  
my fortress: I stand firm.

**R.**

In God is my safety and glory,  
the rock of my strength.

Take refuge in God all you people.  
Trust him at all times.

Pour out your hearts before him.

**R.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Cor. 4:1-5**

**A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*The Lord will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness*

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mtt. 6:24-34**

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

**R: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing*

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

For the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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