

Daily Reading for Sunday, October 23rd, 2022

Reading 1, *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*

¹² for the Lord is a judge who is utterly impartial. ¹³ He never shows partiality to the detriment of the poor, he listens to the plea of the injured party. ¹⁴ He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her complaint.

¹⁶ Whoever wholeheartedly serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. ¹⁷ The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds: and until it does, he is not to be consoled, ¹⁸ nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the upright and delivers judgement.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23*

² I will praise Yahweh from my heart; let the humble hear and rejoice.

³ Proclaim with me the greatness of Yahweh, let us acclaim his name together.

¹⁷ They cry in anguish and Yahweh hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ Yahweh is near to the broken-hearted, he helps those whose spirit is crushed.

¹⁹ Though hardships without number beset the upright, Yahweh brings rescue from them all.

Reading 2, *Second Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

⁶ As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. ⁷ I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; ⁸ all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ The first time I had to present my defence, no one came into court to support me. Every one of them deserted me -- may they not be held accountable for it. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed for all the gentiles to hear; and so I was saved from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel, *Luke 18:9-14*

⁹ He spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being upright and despised everyone else, ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like everyone else, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." ¹³ The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." ¹⁴ This man, I tell you, went home again justified; the other did not. For everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, but anyone who humbles himself will be raised up.'