

Daily Reading for Sunday, January 29th, 2023

Reading 1, *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*

³ Seek Yahweh, all you humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek uprightness, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the Day of Yahweh's anger.

¹² But in you I shall leave surviving a humble and lowly people,
¹³ and those who are left in Israel will take refuge in the name of Yahweh. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; nor will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to alarm them.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10*

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. He keeps faith for ever, ⁷ gives justice to the oppressed, gives food to the hungry; Yahweh sets prisoners free.

⁸ Yahweh gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down. ⁹ Yahweh protects the stranger, he sustains the orphan and the widow.

Yahweh loves the upright, but he frustrates the wicked.

¹⁰ Yahweh reigns for ever, your God, Zion, from age to age.

Reading 2, *First Corinthians 1:26-31*

²⁶ Consider, brothers, how you were called; not many of you are wise by human standards, not many influential, not many from noble families. ²⁷ No, God chose those who by human standards are fools to shame the wise; he chose those who by human standards are weak to shame the strong, ²⁸ those who by human standards are common and contemptible -- indeed those who count for nothing -- to reduce to nothing all those that do count for something, ²⁹ so that no human being might feel boastful before God. ³⁰ It is by him that you exist in Christ Jesus, who for us was made wisdom from God, and saving justice and holiness and redemption.

³¹ As scripture says: If anyone wants to boast, let him boast of the Lord.

Gospel, *Matthew 5:1-12*

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: ³ How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs

.⁴ Blessed are the gentle: they shall have the earth as inheritance.

⁵ Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightnes: they shall have their fill.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be recognised as children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightnes: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.