

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

1st. READING (Sir 3, 17-20.28-29)

My son, conduct your affairs with discretion and you will be loved by those who are acceptable to God. The greater you are, the more you should humble yourself and thus you will find favour with God. For great is the power of the Lord and it is the humble who give him glory. For the sufferings of the proud man there is no remedy, the roots of evil are implanted in him. The wise man reflects on proverbs. What the wise man desires is an attentive ear. Almsgiving

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 68)

But let the righteous be glad and exult before God;
let them sing to God and shout for joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
open the way to him who rides upon the clouds;
the Lord is his name. Rejoice in his presence.

Father of orphans and protector of widows
- such is our God in his holy dwelling.
He gives shelter to the homeless,
sets the prisoners free,
but keeps the rebels in their jail.

Then you gave a rain of blessings to comfort
your weary children.
Your people found a dwelling and in your mercy,
O God, you provided for the needy.

2nd. READING (Heb 12, 18-19.22.24)

Remember your initiation. There was no material presence nor heat of a blazing fire, darkness and gloom and storms... blasts of trumpets or such a voice that the people pleaded that no further word be spoken. But you came near to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem with its innumerable angels. You have come to the solemn feast, the assembly of the firstborn of God, whose names are written in heaven. There is God, Judge of all, with the spirits of the upright brought to perfection. There is Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant.

GOSPEL (Lk 14, 1.7-14)

One Sabbath Jesus had gone to eat a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee, and he was carefully watched. Jesus then told a parable to the guests, for he had noticed how they tried to take the places of honour. And he said, "When you are invited to a wedding party, do not choose the best seat. It may happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, will come and say to you: 'Please give this person your place.' What shame is yours when you take the lowest seat! Whenever you are invited, go rather to the lowest seat, so that your host may come and say to you: 'Friend, you must come up higher.' And this will be a great honour for you in the presence of all the other guests. For whoever makes himself out to be great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be raised." Jesus also addressed the man who had invited him and said, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, don't invite your friends, or your brothers and relatives and wealthy neighbours. For surely they will also invite you in return and you will be repaid. When you give a feast, invite instead the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. Fortunate are you then, because they can't repay you; you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the upright."