

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 6, 2019

## First Reading — Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and thou wilt not hear? Or cry to thee "Violence!" and thou wilt not save? <sup>3</sup>Why dost thou make me see wrongs and look upon trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ... 2:2 And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

## Responsorial Psalm PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock  
he guides.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## Second Reading — 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

<sup>6</sup>Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, ... <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; <sup>14</sup>guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

## Gospel Reading — Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"  
<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

1. What responsibility do the righteous have for taking the message to those who live in turmoil?

#### Second Reading — 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

2. What is the hardest part about keeping your faith alive and vibrant?
3. What part does sharing in the suffering of Christ have to do with testifying about our Lord with power and effectiveness?

#### Gospel Reading — Luke 17:5-10

4. What changes have you seen in the quality and quantity of your faith during recent years?
5. Describe the difference between being a servant of Christ and occasionally serving Christ.
6. What attitudes are necessary to be a willing servant of Christ?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*