

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with
wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave
everything to be enjoyed by someone who did
not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great
evil. What has a man from all the toil and
striving of heart with which he toils beneath the
sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his
work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart
does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 90(89)

**R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.**

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

R/

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

R/

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

R/

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the
LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the
Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised
with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of
God. Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth. For you have
died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life appears, then you
also will appear with him in glory. Put to death,
therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and

covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to
one another, seeing that you have put off the
old self with its practices and have put on the
new self, which is being renewed in knowledge
after the image of its creator. Here there is not
Greek and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,
free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia . . . **Alleluia** . . .

You have received
the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

Alleluia . . .

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Luke

Glory to you O Lord.

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to
Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man,
who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?'
And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on
your guard against all covetousness, for one's
life does not consist in the abundance of one's
possessions.' And he told them a parable,
saying, 'The land of a rich man produced
plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What
shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my
crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear
down my barns and build larger ones, and
there I will store all my grain and my goods.
And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have
ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat,
drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool!
This night your soul is required of you, and the
things you have prepared, whose will they be?"
So is the one who lays up treasure for himself
and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

