THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10, 12, 20, 26, 28, 31 This is a reading from the book of Proverbs.

A woman who is good is more precious than jewels. She does not hurt others; she does good all the days of her life.

She works for the poor and helps those in need. She speaks with wisdom and is kind to everyone.

Her husband and children call her blessed and tell her how wonderful she is.

May she be rewarded for all that she does, and may everyone who knows her sing her praises.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Psalm 63

I long for you; I long for you; I long for you, my God.

Verses:

O God, you are my God.
 I give you thanks and praise your name.

2. O God, you are my God. You're all I need to guide my way.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Come; be happy with me." Alleluia! "Be happy with me."

(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:

"Once there was a man going on a long journey. He called the servants together and put each one in charge of some money. One of the servants received \$100, another received \$200 and another \$500. The one who received \$500 went out quickly and put the money to good use and earned another \$500 for the owner.

["The one who received \$200, earned \$200 more. But the man who had \$100 buried it in the ground.]

"When the owner came home from the journey, the first servant came and said,

'Here is your money. You gave me \$500 to take care of, but I have earned \$500 more for you.'

"The owner said,

'You are a good and faithful servant.

Because you have done so well,

I will put you in charge of even more.

Come; be happy with me.'

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["Then the second servant came and said,

'Here is your money. You gave me \$200 to take care of, but I have earned \$200 more for you.'

"The owner said,

'You are a good and faithful servant.

Because you have done so well,

I will put you in charge of even more.

Come; be happy with me.'

"Finally, the man who had been given the \$100 came and said,

'I know that you are a very strict man and that you always want more money than you give. I was afraid of losing your money, so I buried it in the ground until you came back. Here is the \$100 you gave me.'

"But the owner said,

'You are a lazy man!
You knew that I wanted you to earn more money for me, and yet, you only buried it in the ground.
You are not a good servant, and you cannot work for me anymore!'

"Then the owner said to another servant,

'Take the \$100 from this man and give it to the man who already has earned \$500. Then take this lazy man out to be punished!' '']

The Gospel of the Lord.

^[] Reader may omit text that appears in brackets.