

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul and his army were looking for David who was in the wilderness in a place called Ziph. That night, while Saul and all the men in his army were asleep, David and Abishai got into the camp and crept into Saul's tent. Saul was asleep and his spear was stuck in the ground beside his head. Abishai said to David,

“Here is your enemy asleep and at your mercy. Let me kill him with his own spear.”

But David said,

“No, do not kill him. For God has chosen him and anointed him. It would be wrong for us to kill the one God has chosen.”

So David took Saul's spear and left the camp. No one saw or heard him and no one woke up. Then David went to the top of the mountain and called out,

“O King Saul, here is your spear. Send one of your soldiers over to get it. This will show you that I could have killed you but I didn't because God has chosen you. God will reward everyone who is good and faithful.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 103*

My God, my God, have mercy on me, for all my hope is in you.
My God, all my hope is in you.

Verses:

1. I give you thanks, O God, and bless your Holy Name.
2. You take away our sins and bring us to new life.
3. As parents love their children, you love your faithful people.

(Repeat Response after each verse.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Treat people as you would like them to treat you.” Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 6:27-36*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Love your enemies, and be good to people who hate you.

Pray for people who are unkind to you
and who say bad things about you.

If someone hits you on the side of your face,
let them hit the other side too.

If someone takes your coat,
give your shirt with it.

When anyone asks you for something,
give it right away and don't ask for it back.

Treat everyone the way you would like them to treat you.

“If you love only those people who love you,
why should you be rewarded?

Even sinners love people who love them.

And if you are good only to people who are good to you,
why should you be rewarded?

Even sinners are good to people who are good to them.

“But I tell you, love your enemies, be good to everyone,
lend people things freely, and God will reward you.

You will be true children of God

because God is kind to all people,

even those who are selfish or ungrateful.

You must be kind and loving just like God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.