

# **iCare Mass Liturgy of the Word Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**First Reading** Sirach 35:12b–14, 16–17

## **A reading from the book of Sirach**

The Lord doesn't have favorites, and you can't bribe him to cheat the poor. But he hears the prayers of all who have been mistreated. The Lord listens carefully to the prayers of orphans and the concerns of widows.

If you gladly obey God, your prayers will reach beyond the clouds. The prayers of the humble go right through the clouds, and they are never satisfied till their prayers reach God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

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**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 34:1–2, 17–18*

**All: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

*I will always praise the Lord. With all my heart,  
I will praise the Lord. Let all who are helpless listen  
and be glad.*

**All: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

*When his people pray for help, he listens  
and he rescues them from their troubles.*

*The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope.*

**All: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

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**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6–8

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

Now the time has come for me to die. My life is like a drink offering being poured out on the altar. I have fought well. I finished the race, and I have been faithful. So a crown will be given to me for pleasing the Lord. He judges fairly, and on the day of judgment he will give a crown to me and to everyone else who wants him to appear with power.

**The word of the Lord.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel** Luke 18:9–14

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told a story to some people who thought they were better than others and who looked down on everyone else: "Two men went into the temple to

pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood over by himself and prayed, 'God, I thank you that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful in marriage like other people. And I am really glad that I am not like that tax collector over there. I go without eating for two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all I earn.'

The tax collector stood off at a distance and did not think he was good enough even to look up toward heaven. He was so sorry for what he had done that he pounded his chest and prayed, 'God, have pity on me! I am such a sinner.'

Then Jesus said, "When the two men went home, it was the tax collector and not the Pharisee who was pleasing to God. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**