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The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 22

\* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 26

L: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**P: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

L: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**P: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

L: I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

**P: I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,**

L: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**P: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

THE FIRST READING

Job 1:1, 2:1–10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

THE SECOND READING      Mark 10:2–16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

HOMILY

“The Asundered”

Rev. Ahrens

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OFFERTORY HYMN 21

God reigns o’er all the earth

*Terra Beata*

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