

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 81

Reading I

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2 So Saul went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand of the best warriors of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

7 So David and Abishai reached Saul's soldiers by night, and there was Saul lying asleep within the camp, his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his troops sleeping around him.

8 Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your hand today. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need to strike him twice!"

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and remain innocent?"

12 So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they withdrew without anyone seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because a deep slumber from the LORD had fallen upon them.

13 Crossing over to an opposite slope, David stood on a distant hilltop. With a great distance between them

22 But David answered: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it.

23 The LORD repays everyone's righteousness and faithfulness. Although the LORD delivered you into my hands today, I could not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.

Reading II

1 Cor 15:45-49

45 So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

46 But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual.

47 The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.

48 As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

27 “But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

29 To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

34 If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

35 But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

36 Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

Judging Others.

37 “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

38 Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”