

Sunday 19 September 2027

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - Jeremiah 11.18-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.
Like a lamb, I was led
to the slaughter.

For I did not know
that it was
against me
that they were devising
their evil schemes,
until the Lord
made it known to me.

They were saying, 'Let us destroy
both the tree
and its fruit.

Let us cut him off
from the land of the living,
so that even his name
will be remembered
no more!'

But you, O Lord of hosts -
you are the one who judges righteously.
You examine the heart
and the mind.

Let me see your judgement upon them,
for I have committed my cause
to you.
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - James 3.13 - 4.3,7b-8a,10

A reading from the letter of James.

It is by a life
filled with good deeds
and with gentleness

that you demonstrate
true wisdom
and understanding.

Bitterness, envy,
and selfish ambition,

do not come
from godly wisdom,
but are earthly,
unspiritual,
even devilish,
bringing disorder
and wickedness
of every kind.

Godly wisdom
is peaceful,
gentle,
and accommodating;

full of mercy
and good deeds,
with no trace
of partiality
or hypocrisy.

And what is planted in peace
brings a harvest
of righteousness.

Your conflicts and disputes

come from unworthy desires
that are at war
within you.

You want something
you do not have,
so you engage in disputes and conflicts
that lead even to murder.

But you do not have,
because you do not ask!

Or you ask wrongly,
seeking only
to fulfil
your unworthy desires.

So resist the devil,
and the devil will flee from you.

Draw near to God,
and God will draw near to you.

Be humble before God,
and God will raise you up.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 9.30-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples
travelled on
through Galilee.

And Jesus did not want anyone
to know
that they were there;

for he was teaching his disciples,
saying, 'The Son of Man will be betrayed,
and they will kill him.

And after three days,
he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he was saying,
and they were afraid to ask him.

At the end of the day's journey,
Jesus asked them
what they had been arguing about,
as they had been
walking along.

And they were silent,
for they had been arguing
about which of them
was the greatest.

Jesus sat down,
and called the twelve to him,
and said, 'Whoever wants
the highest place
must take
the lowest place of all,
and be the servant of all.'

Then Jesus called a child
to stand amongst them,
and said to the disciples,

'Whoever welcomes a child, in my name,
welcomes me;
and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.