

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

– Year B

A reading from the Book of Job

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Job Proclaims God's Righteous Judgments

23 Then Job answered and said:

² “Even today my complaint is bitter;

My hand is listless because of my groaning.

³ Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,

That I might come to His seat!

⁴ I would present *my* case before Him,

And fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵ I would know the words *which* He would answer me,

And understand what He would say to me.

⁶ Would He contend with me in His great power?

No! But He would take *note* of me.

⁷ There the upright could reason with Him,

And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

⁸ “Look, I go forward, but He is not *there*,

And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;

⁹ When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold *Him*;

When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see *Him*.

¹⁶ For God made my heart weak,

And the Almighty terrifies me;

¹⁷ Because I was not cut off from the presence of darkness,

And He did *not* hide deep darkness from my face.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

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A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

Our Compassionate High Priest

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but *was* in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 15:33-39

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel according to Christ