

The First Reading is from The Prophet HABAKKUK, Chapter 1 verses 1-4 Chapter 2 verses 1-4:-

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1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

² How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!”
but you do not save?

³ Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

2 I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴ “See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—

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Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4

Psalm 37**Verses 1-9****Page 258**

1 Do not vie with the wicked:

or envy those that do wrong;

2 For they will soon wither like the grass:

and fade away like the green leaf.

3 Trust in the Lord and do good:

and you shall dwell in the land

and feed in safe pastures.

4 Let the Lord be your delight:

and he will grant you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord:

trust him, and he will act.

6 He will make your righteousness

shine as clear as the light:

and your innocence as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

do not be vexed when someone prospers,

when they put their evil purposes to work.

8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:

let not envy move you to do evil.

9 For the wicked shall be cut down:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

**The Second Reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to TIMOTHY
Chapter 1 beginning at the first verse:-**

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¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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2 Timothy 1.1-14

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LUKE Chapter 17 beginning at the first verse:-

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Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

17 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep.

Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?

⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 17.1-10