

Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

10th June 2025

First reading

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

‘Jesus was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes.’

Brothers and Sisters: As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):129-130. 131-132. 133, 135. R135a

Let your face shine forth on your servant, O Lord.

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;

therefore my soul obeys them.

The unfolding of your word gives light,

and understanding to the simple.

I have opened my mouth and I sigh,

for I yearn for your commands.

Turn and have mercy on me,

as is your rule for those who love your name.

Let my steps be guided by your promise;

may evil never rule me.

Let your face shine forth on your servant,

and teach me your decrees.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your light shine before others,

so that they may see your good works

and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

‘You are the light of the world.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

‘You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.’

Short reflection on the reading for today

Just as salt sharpens the flavour of food and light lets us see what is there in a room, so the special salt and light provided by Christ’s Spirit within us, enable us to say a generous “yes” to God’s promptings, and see things as they are. The Holy Spirit of Pentecost puts into our mind this love for God and passion

for truth so we can discover what God wants us to see. Sharpened in taste by the salt of this Gospel, and enlightened by the Spirit, we can respond to God with full hearts. A special kind of “yes” was spoken by the widow of Zarephath when the prophet Elijah asked her for food and water. Her generous, spontaneous answer was prompted by trust in God and her belief in Elijah’s miraculous powers. Her faith, and her willingness to share with this stranger her last reserves of food and drink, brings to a spectacular blessing, to which Jesus refers, centuries later, as a classic instance of the powers of a prophet.

To return to Christ’s words about salt and light, when they share his message with others his disciples do not add anything totally new but by their wit and expressive power they helped people recognize and value what they already were, as creatures of God, redeemed by Jesus. What the disciple says and does should be like a candle set on a lampstand to give light to the house. “So your light must shine, so that they may see your goodness in action and give praise to your heavenly Father.” As disciples and as ministers of his blessing we are all called to be light and salt, enabling others to see how much love God has invested in them. We can lead others, and ourselves, to know the hidden presence of the Holy Spirit. It is Jesus who has anointed and sealed us with the Spirit in our hearts. This Holy Spirit is our down payment, our first reception of the full glory and joy of heaven, the beginning of the final “yes” when God will receive us home.