Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

16th November 2026

First reading

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5a

'Remember from where you have fallen; repent.'

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

John, to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne.

I heard the Lord saying to me: 'To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: "The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." '

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. ℟ Psalm 40(39):5a

To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life.

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night.
He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.
Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gospel Acclamation **John 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 18:35-43**

'What do you want me to do for you?
— Lord, let me recover my sight.'

At that time: As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he enquired what this meant. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me recover my sight.' And Jesus said to him, 'Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Short reflection on the reading for today

Jesus was intending to pass through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. But on hearing his name called out by a blind beggar, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me,' he stopped and gave him his full attention.
Our Lord might be on a journey, but he was never indifferent to those he met along the way. They were just as important to him as his destination. That is why he gave this blind man his full attention when others were telling him to be quiet. He answered the man's heartfelt wishes, 'Let me see again', and, as a result, a wave of praise and prayer spread to all the people who witnessed it.
The story models for us the value of responding to the call of the present moment. Let's not be so fixated on our destination as to ignore where we are. What we might first seem like interruptions can actually be where we can do a worthwhile service in the name of the Lord.