Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

7th November 2026

First reading

Philippians 4:10-19

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'

Brothers and Sisters: I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112(111):1-2. 5-6. 8a, 9. ℟1a

Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
or: Alleluia.
Blessed the man who fears the Lord, who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth; the generation of the upright will be blest.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.
He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 16:9-15

'If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.'

Short reflection on the reading for today

There's a big difference between the tangible assets and the spiritual riches associated with good works that prepare us for life with God. Whatever wealth that people have should be well used, in such a way as to prepare us for sharing in eternal life. Jesus set a high premium on the spirit of sharing and community, as would happen within a united family. "You cannot serve God and wealth," but if we use money responsibly and well it can be part of our service to God,

Paul praises his friends in Philippi for sharing their material resources with others, including himself. He remembers how they were among the first to support him with gifts of money when he was a travelling preacher. Now, writing from prison, he thanks them for the help the gifts to him through their messenger Epaphroditus.

At the same time he asserts that he does not depend on money or on any commodity and that there is nothing he cannot bear, with the help of the Lord. His strength, his security, rested on Jesus and this gave him real inner freedom. We need never become materialistic "slaves of Mammon." Acting with ordinary decency in our everyday dealings will have its own reward, both now and in the life to come. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."