Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

6th November 2026

First reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will configure us to his glorious body.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. ℟cf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
As it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Gospel Acclamation **1 John 2:5**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
in him truly the love of God is perfected.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 16:1-8**

'The children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of light.'

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.'

Short reflection on the reading for today

On a first reading of this gospel, we might think that Our Lord is commending the actions of the unjust steward, but in the last line, we see that he is being contrasted with the children of light. We are those who have been given the light of the truth, and we are challenged by how we use this gift. How are we preparing ourselves for the world of eternity? Do I take the means to grow in my faith and in my knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through reading, prayer, and the sacraments? Let us pray to live in a more enlightened way.

St Augustine wrote, 'As a Christian, I will have to give an account of my life to God, and as a leader, I will have to give an account of my stewardship.'

Having money is a responsibility. I can use it selfishly, or to help my friends and the needy. God gave us temporal things to use. My wealth consists not in what I keep but in what I gave away. The Lord will judge us by how we use the things of which we are only a steward.