

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

## Sunday, 24 Sep 2017

### FIRST READING

*Is 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## **SECOND READING**

*Phil 1:20-24. 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!