



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2–8

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 27

Year C, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”

and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack,

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what the LORD will say to me

and what the LORD will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-9

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Second Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God, the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—

whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—
when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith,

a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois

and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you
through the laying on of my hands,

⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice

but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord
or of me his prisoner,

but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God,

⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling,

not according to our works

but according to God's own purpose and grace,

and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

¹⁰but it has now been revealed

through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death

and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust,

and I am sure that God is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to God.

¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴Guard the good deposit entrusted to you,

with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life. or The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed,
you could say to this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’
and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to any enslaved person
who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,
‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?

⁸Would you not rather say, ‘Prepare supper for me;
put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink;
later you may eat and drink’?

⁹Do you thank any enslaved person for doing what was commanded?

¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do,
say, ‘We are worthless slaves;
we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The gospel of the Lord.