

Catholic Truth Society Missal (United Kingdom, 2011)

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

1:2; 2:21-23

What does man gain for all his toil?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17. R. v.1

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust

and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years

are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night. R.

You sweep men away like a dream,

like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:

by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life

that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love;

we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. R.

Alternative Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2,6-9. R. v. 7-8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

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