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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 82

Reading 1 [Is 49:14-15](#)

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my LORD has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her
womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#)

R. (6a) **Rest in God alone, my soul.**
Only in God is my soul at rest;
from him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.
R. Rest in God alone, my soul.
Only in God be at rest, my soul,
for from him comes my hope.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.
R. Rest in God alone, my soul.
With God is my safety and my glory,
he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in
God.
Trust in him at all times, O my people!
Pour out your hearts before him.
R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Reading 2 [1 Cor 4:1-5](#)

Brothers and sisters:
Thus should one regard us: as servants of
Christ
and stewards of the mysteries of God.
Now it is of course required of stewards

that they be found trustworthy.
It does not concern me in the least
that I be judged by you or any human
tribunal;
I do not even pass judgment on myself;
I am not conscious of anything against me,
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;
the one who judges me is the Lord.
Therefore do not make any judgment before
the appointed time,
until the Lord comes,
for he will bring to light what is hidden in
darkness
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,
and then everyone will receive praise from
God.

Alleluia [Hb 4:12](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
The word of God is living and effective;
discerning reflections and thoughts of the
heart.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [Mt 6:24-34](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:
"No one can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon.
"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about
your life,
what you will eat or drink,
or about your body, what you will wear.
Is not life more than food and the body more
than clothing?
Look at the birds in the sky;
they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing
into barns,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are not you more important than they?
Can any of you by worrying add a single
moment to your life-span?"

Why are you anxious about clothes?
Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.
They do not work or spin.
But I tell you that not even Solomon in all
his splendor
was clothed like one of them.
If God so clothes the grass of the field,
which grows today and is thrown into the
oven tomorrow,
will he not much more provide for you, O
you of little faith?
So do not worry and say, 'What are we to
eat?'
or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to
wear?'
All these things the pagans seek.
Your heavenly Father knows that you need
them all.
But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness,
and all these things will be given you
besides.
Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow
will take care of itself.
Sufficient for a day is its own evil."